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L. A. FILE NO. 61-374

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAYMON DUREM.	SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information furnished that Subject DUREM, who fought two years in Spain with Loyalist forces, was formerly employed by State Relief Administration, Bakersfield, Calif., as case worker. Now employed on W.P.A., Bakersfield. Is an anarchist and Communist and preaches subversive doctrines among transients and recipients of relief. Nationalistic tendency cards submitted.

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Details:

On October 27, 1939, HORACE V. GRAYSON, Assistant Chief of Police, Bakersfield, California, an FBI National Police Academy Graduate, invited Agent to accompany him to a conference regarding espionage activities in the vicinity of Bakersfield with H. R. HUBBARD, Director of the Kern County Work Relief Department, P. O. Box 312, Bakersfield, telephone 2915, and VERN AUSTIN, Petroleum Engineer with the California Division of Oil and Gas, 1101 Golden State Highway, Bakersfield, California, who is also a Major in the Cavalry Reserve and Commanding Officer of the Bakersfield Mobilization Center.

These gentlemen advised that RAYMON DUREM fought for two years in Spain with the Loyalist forces; that he is an anarchist; that through pull with the State administration, DUREM obtained a

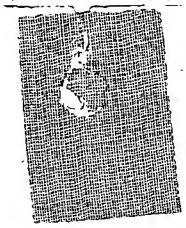
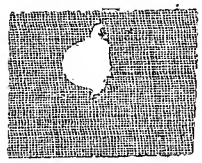
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job as a case worker in the State Relief Administration; that since being employed in that capacity, he has preached a subversive doctrine among migrants and recipients of relief in California; that he was finally discharged by the Board of Supervisors and is now working on the W.P.A. and is trying to get back on the S.R.A.; that someone high in the State administration apparently approves of Subject's activities, and asserts influence in his, DUREM'S, behalf.

MR. HUBBARD further stated that DUREM'S personnel file disappeared from the S.R.A. offices at the time he was discharged from that service, but that a transcript which had been obtained by VERN AUSTIN reflects that he attended the Puget Sound College, Tacoma, Washington; served in the World War overseas, and was six years with the Navy; that this information is undoubtedly false because DUREM is not old enough to have done those things; that he is described as follows:

Name	RAYMON DUREM
Age	28 to 30
Height	5' 4" to 6"
Weight	135 lbs.
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark
Nationality	Believed to be American citizen; part Spanish; foreign appearing
Marital Status	Married

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU: Nationalistic tendency cards on RAYMON DUREM.

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HR:mmc

March 31, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There is transmitted herewith a dossier showing the information presently available in the files of this Bureau with respect to Raymon Duren whose address is 127 or 129 E. 25th Street, Los Angeles, California.

It is recommended that this individual be considered for custodial detention in the event of a national emergency. The information contained on the attached dossier constitutes the basis for appropriate consideration in this regard.

It should be understood, of course, that additional information may be received from time to time supplementing that already available in the Bureau's files, and as such data are received they will be made available to you so that the dossier in your possession may be supplemented thereby.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience as to the decision reached in this case.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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San Francisco, Calif.	4/2/41	8/12/40; 2/27/41	L. M. FALLAW - CE

TITLE: RAMEN DUREM, with aliases: Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem, ____ Duren, Duvem

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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RAMEN DUREM, Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, California, Stockton Police Department #19018, employed by State Relief Administration, president of local Workers' Alliance, fought for Loyalists in Spain, and has been active Communist in Northern California since 1936.

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DETAILS:

This case was opened when information was received on October 4, 1940, from ~~Confidential Informant~~ [redacted] indicating the following information concerning RAMEN DUREM, alias RAMON DUREM, alias DUREN, alias DUVEM, 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley, California:

In 1936, resided at 2530 Benvenue Avenue, Berkeley; was a registered member of the Communist Party, and a member of the Young Communists' League and of the American Student Union. He was wounded in the kneecap while fighting in Spain; is from the University of California, is a Veteran of the International Brigade, and in January, 1939, was a registered Communist Party member.

In response to request for preliminary investigation, report dated December 3, 1940, was received from the Berkeley Police Department, quoted as follows:

"Find no record in any of the usual sources of a RAMON DUREM. However, find a RAMEN DUREM, formerly of 1700 Walnut St., Berkeley. Dept.

Ramon Ramen Duren

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of Motor Vehicles files have no car registered to this man. However, they have a duplicate operator's license #H-307858, issued 8-14-40 to Ramen Durem, Route #1, Box 563, Stockton, California; described as: Male, 5-3; 145 lbs; blue eyes; brown hair; born on 1-30-15.

"Retail Credit Ass'n has no record of this person.

"Our files show that he was arrested on 9-10-36 for violation of City Ordinance #648 N.S., anti-picketing ordinance; he is Berkeley #3938-D-2, FBI #2070740. He was arrested with a group of about 40 other students and labor union members for picketing the Woolworth's Store on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley, during which time an anti-picketing ordinance was in effect. Case dismissed on 3-4-37 on motion of the District Attorney when an arrest at the same time was declared unconstitutional by the Superior Court of Alameda County on an appeal from a jury verdict of guilty, from the Justice Court, City of Berkeley.

"Our files also show that he belonged to the American Students' Union on 10-8-36, and was the chairman of a meeting of that union on that date. The same year he was a member of the Young Communist League, and spoke at a meeting of that league at Sather Gate, Berkeley.

"In 1936 he was registered as a Communist in Alameda County. He is not registered in this county at the present time. On 5-8-40 he was found guilty in Stockton, California, for violation of Section 87 of the Penal Code. He is Stockton #19018.

"Enclosed you will find 3 copies of a photo taken of this man at the time of his Berkeley arrest in 1936. He was then described as: Age 21; 5' 5"; 136 lbs.

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"No further information available here at this time. It is suggested that because of recent address and arrest in Stockton, California, that that department may be able to furnish supplementary information."

Source A of the San Francisco Office under date of January 3, 1941, furnished the following report, when requested for information concerning instant subject:

"We believe the correct full name of this subject to be RAMEN DUREM, last known address 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley.

"Subject is not registered as voter in Alameda County at present, last registration being 1936 in which he registered as Communist.

"Occupation and place of employment not known.

"No criminal record in the files of this office.

"We have in National Defense files one RAMEN DUREM, address 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley, former address 2530 Benvenue Street, Berkeley.

"September 10th, 1936 article in Berkeley Daily Gazette states that subject is from Vallejo, California, age twenty-one, sophomore, student at the University of California. Subject was among those arrested in Berkeley this date for violation of anti-picketing ordinance.

"A newspaper clipping of unknown origin dated October 9th, 1936 lists subject as University of California student and president of the Young Communist League. He presided at a meeting at U.C. at which James W. Ford, Negro Vice-Presidential candidate spoke under the auspices of the Y.C.L.

"November 4th, 1936 mailing address used by Y.C.L. in Berkeley is registered to Ramen Durem, 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley. B. Coon, 2232 Blake Street, Berkeley and A. Handler 2287 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, are known associates of subject.

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"July 30th, 1937 subject reported with the SOC. army in Spain.

"November 2nd, 1937 subject reported confined in a hospital in Albacete, Spain, with a leg injury obtained at the front while fighting for the LOYALISTS. Subject with four other University students went to Spain in March 1937.

"May 13, 1940 article in People's World names one Ramen Durem as president of the local Workers Alliance in Stockton, California.

"See Berkeley National Defense Report #1067 on this subject to FBI under date of December 3, 1940."

Serial 3 in San Francisco File 100-2055 entitled "Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade" lists, among other individuals traveling from the United States to fight for Loyalist Spain, Ramon Durem, New York City, 1738 Milvia St., Berkeley, California, age 23, Passport #35-803, issued at San Francisco March 20, 1937.

San Francisco File 61-322 entitled "Communist Party Members; Outside Sources", contains a memorandum (serial 1219) submitted by Special Agent J. A. ROBEY reflecting that on August 12, 1940, the following information was received from Chief of Police H. A. Vogelsang and Detective Sergeant Jack McNabb, Stockton, California:

"Ramon Durem, alias Raymond Durem, resides at Route 1, Box 563F and is employed by the State Relief Administration. He is president of the Workers' Alliance, Local #G180. He was formerly a newspaper man and went to Spain during the Spanish civil war, and married a French girl in Spain. They resided at Bakersfield before coming to Stockton."

The Stockton Police Department furnished the following description and criminal record:

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Name - Ramen Durem, alias Raymond Durem
Age - 25 (1940)
Ht. - 5-5 3/8
Wt. - 134
Hair - Light brown, curly
Eyes - blue
Complexion - Fair
Born - Seattle, Washington
Friend - Boyd Coon
Residence - Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, California.
Stockton PD #19018. Arrested 5-8-40, Viol. Sect. 87 PC (2 counts). 1st Count, 180 days in jail. 2nd Count, 180 days in jail and $500 fine, sentences to run consecutively.

It having been apparently definitely established that Durem is an active Communist, and there being no further logical outstanding investigation, this case is being closed, subject to reopening upon receipt of further pertinent information concerning the subject.

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DUREM, RAYMON
127 or 129 E. 25th Street
Los Angeles, California 9-6-40

ANARCHIST

Fought for two years with Spanish Loyalist forces. An anarchist. Formerly a case worker on S. R.A. and while so engaged he preached subversive doctrine among migrants and recepients of relief. (H. V. Grayson, N.P.A., H.R. Hubbard, Director, Kern County Relief Dept., Bakersfield, Calif.; 61-7560-5207).

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United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
May 24, 1941

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: RAYMON DUREM
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Custodial Detention Memorandum on the above-named Subject.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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CUSTODIAL DETENTION MEMORANDUM

RAMEN DUREM, with aliases
Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem,
Raymon Durem, ____Duren, Duvem.
Route 1, Box 563F
Stockton, California

COMMUNIST

San Francisco
File 100-878

The name of the above individual is submitted to the Bureau for consideration for custodial detention in the event of National emergency. The following information is summarized from the San Francisco files:

Ramen Durem, with aliases:
Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem,
Raymon Durem, ____Duren, Duvem.

Route 1, Box 563F (8-12-40)
Stockton, California

Employed by State Relief Administration (8-12-40)
Stockton, California

Member American Students' Union 10-8-36, chairman, while attending University of California, Berkeley, California. Member Young Communist League, 1936, and spoke at YCL meeting at Sather Gate, University of California, Berkeley, California.

Registered member Communist Party in Alameda County, California, 1936. Source: Registrar of Voters, Alameda County, Oakland, California. Arrested at Berkeley, California, 9-10-36, Berkeley PD #3938-D-2, FBI #2070740, violation anti-picketing ordinance. Guilty by jury but case dismissed 3-4-37 on appeal when arrest declared unconstitutional. #1

(Berkeley Police Department, 12-3-40; 100-878)
Berkeley, California
President Young Communist League while student at University of California, Berkeley, California, 10-9-36; presided at student meeting addressed by James W. Ford, Negro candidate for Vice-President and sponsored by YCL. Mailing address of YCL was registered in the name of Ramen Durem, 1700 Walnut Street, Berkeley, California, as of 11-4-36.

Went to Spain March, 1937, with four other university students, fought with "Loyalist" army, wounded in leg, confined in hospital at Albacete, Spain, 11-2-37. Source: Passport Division, State Department re passport No. 35-803; [redacted] re wounds in Spain. President local Workers Alliance, Stockton, California, according to article in 5-13-40 issue of People's World. #2 #3

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(Ralph E. Hoyt, District Attorney, County of Alameda, California, 1-3-41; 100-878)

Arrested at Stockton, California, 5-8-40, Stockton PD #19018, violation Sec. 87 California Penal Code, 2 counts. (Refusing to appear or be sworn as, or to produce, a witness: misdemeanor.) 1st count, 180 days in jail; 2nd count, 180 days in jail and $500 fine; to run consecutively. (Stockton, California, Police Department, 10-26-40; 100-878 and 61-322-1219). American-born citizen. Born 1-30-15 at Seattle, Washington. (Berkeley and Stockton, California, police departments; 100-878)

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DUREM, RAYMON
with aliases: RAMEN DUREM
RAMON DUREM
RAYMOND DUREM
DUREN, DUVEM

COMMUNIST

127 or 129 E. 25th St.
Los Angeles, Calif. (9/6/40)

Route #1, Box 563 F.
Stockton, Calif. (9/30/41)

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DUREM, RAYMON, was. -1a- COMMUNIST..
127 or 129 E. 25th St., Los Angeles, Calif. (9/6/40)

Route #1, Box 563 F.
Stockton, Calif. (9/30/41)

Subject is a registered member of the Communist Party in Alameda County, Calif., 1936. (Registrar of Voters, Alameda County, Oakland, Calif., 5/24/41; 100-18549-4)

Went to Spain March, 1937, with four other university students, fought with "Loyalist" army, wounded in leg, confined in hospital at Albacete, Spain, 11/2/37. (SF-7, Passport Division, State Department, 5/24/41; 100-18549-4)

President local Workers Alliance, Stockton, Calif., according to article in 5/13/40 issue of People's World. (Ralph E. Hoyt, County Alameda, Calif., 1/3/41; 100-18549-4) 10-2-41 sas

MR:EG

December 26, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There is submitted herewith an addition to a dossier dated October 2, 1941, concerning Raymon Durem, with aliases, which was originally submitted under date of March 31, 1941, re Raymon Durem.

In view of the additional information, it will be appreciated if you will advise of your opinion in this case.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 3, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

RE: RAYMON DUREM
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 19, 1941, to all Special Agents in Charge enclosing a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief of the Special Defense Unit of the Department of Justice, relative to the classification, as to dangerousness, of the individuals under consideration for custodial detention and the classification, as to sufficiency, of the evidence upon which the dangerousness classification is made.

Please be advised that information has now been received from the Special Defense Unit that

RAYMON DUREM
127 or 129 E. 25th Street
Los Angeles, California

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has been tentatively placed in:

_____ Group A. Individuals believed to be the most dangerous and who in all probability should be interned in event of War.

X Group B. Individuals believed to be somewhat less dangerous but whose activities should be restricted.

_____ Group C. Individuals believed to be the least dangerous and who need not be restricted in absence of additional information but should be subjected to general surveillance.

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The evidence relating to Subject has been classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

___X___ 1. Sufficient to establish the charges upon which the dangerous classification was made.

_____ 2. Not satisfactory to substantiate the charges.

With respect to citizenship status, Subject has been tentatively classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

_____ (A) An alien

___X___ (N) A naturalized citizen

_____ (NB) A native born citizen

The above classifications are subject to revision in the light of additional information and you will be promptly informed of any revision of the status of the above named individual.

This investigation must be given preferred and expeditious attention in accordance with existing Bureau instructions and concluded at the earliest possible date. The citizenship status of Subject should be definitely ascertained as soon as possible where this has not already been done.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
January 10, 1942.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: RAYMON DUREM;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 3, 1941, advising that the above-captioned subject has been placed in dangerous classification "B".

The Los Angeles file on this subject reflects that, under date of May 1, 1941, the custodial detention card as concerns him was forwarded to the San Francisco Field Office, inasmuch as investigation by the Bakersfield, California, Police Department reflected that he had left that city on June 5, 1939, with Route 6, Box 218, Stockton, California, as his forwarding address.

In view of the above, instant classification letter is being forwarded to the San Francisco Field Office as an enclosure with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 23, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge

San Francisco, California

RE: RAYMOND DUREM, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of

—X— an addition to the Custodial Detention card relating to Subject. This addition is to be attached to the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card already in your possession.

_____ a revised Custodial Detention card relating to Subject to be substituted for the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card presently in your possession which should be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

Re: RAYMON DUREM with aliases

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 24, 1942, in which you requested a copy of all material contained in the Bureau files concerning certain individuals who are located in the Ninth Corps Area.

Pursuant to your request, there is transmitted herewith the following material contained in the files of this Bureau concerning Raymon Durem:

A copy of the report of Special Agent A. D. Horn, Los Angeles, California, dated February 10, 1940, in the case entitled "Raymon Durem; Subversive Activities." (100-18549-1)

A copy of the report of Special Agent L. M. Fallaw, San Francisco, California, dated April 2, 1941, in the case entitled "Ramon Durem, with aliases: Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem, _____ Duren, Duvem; Internal Security (C)." (100-18549-2)

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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To:
SAC, San Francisco

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:
RAYMON DUREM, was
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Custodial Detention

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Kramer
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

The Bureau has recently received a request from the Criminal Division of the Department that a determination be made of captioned subject's nationality status. The Department suggests that this might well be ascertained through an examination of his Selective Service file.

You are instructed to conduct such additional investigation in this matter as is necessary to secure the information desired by the Department and to submit the results of your investigation to the Bureau in report form.

This matter should be given attention at your earliest convenience in order that the Department may be promptly advised of any information developed.

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AND REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 14, 1942

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carnan
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Howden
Mr. Kramer
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Miss Gandy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Raymon Durem with aliases
Route #1, Box 563 F.
Stockton, California

Reference is made to your memorandum to Mr. L. M. C. Smith on April 7, 1942, with which you furnished two reports relating to the above person.

The matter has been referred to the Criminal Division for consideration of denaturalization proceedings if the subject is in fact a naturalized citizen. It is requested that a determination be made of the subject's present nationality status, and it is thought that this might be ascertained by an examination of his Selective Service record. It will also be appreciated if you will furnish any additional information which you may now have available.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE
Assistant Attorney General

SAC, San Francisco
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June 3, 1943

SAC, San Francisco

Re: RAYMON DUREN, with aliases
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 15, 1943 advising that the Department has requested the above captioned subject's citizenship status. In this letter you were instructed to conduct such additional investigation as was necessary to secure the information desired by the Department.

I must insist that requests from the Department receive immediate and expeditious handling. You are, therefore, instructed to submit a report reflecting the results of the requested investigation so that it will reach the Bureau not later than June 15, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Case originated at: SAN FRANCISCO File No. 100-878

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SAN FRANCISCO	5/28/43	3/3,21,26,30,31; 5/3/43	LINDIAN J. SWAIM (A) acb

Title:	Character of Case:
RAYMON DUREM, with aliases	CUSTODIAL DETENTION (C)

Synopsis:

No record in Stockton, California of Subject's nationality. Subject left Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, without leaving forwarding address. Present whereabouts unknown. Subject convicted in 1940 at Stockton for refusal to testify before Yorty Committee, a state legislative committee investigating un-American activities.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-18549
Report of Special Agent A. D. Horn dated 2/10/40 at Los Angeles, California
Bureau letter dated 1/15/43 to San Francisco.

DETAILS: This case is being re-opened on the basis of reference letter from the Bureau in which it is stated that a request has been received from the Criminal Division of the Department to the effect that a determination be made of the subject's nationality status.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Local Draft Boards No. 37, 38, and 39 were checked for the correct name of the subject and all of his aliases with negative results. These are all of the draft boards in the city of Stockton.

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MR. A. H. HODSON, Superintendent of Mails, Post Office, advised that RAYMON DUREM, Route 1, Box 563F, had moved and had failed to leave a forwarding address.

MIKE CANOS, San Joaquin County Bureau of Identification, made available his records which reflected that the subject, under the name of RAMEN DUREM, No. T070740, was arrested in Stockton on May 8, 1940 for failure to testify before a legislative investigative committee and that he was subsequently found guilty on August 6, 1940 and sentenced to 180 days on one count and 180 days and $500 fine on a second count, sent East to run consecutively. The records further reflected that in connection with a question concerning the subject's nationality, the subject had answered, "Seattle, Washington", possibly meaning this as his place of birth. The records further reflected that as of August 6, 1940 the subject was residing with one BOYD COONS, Route 1, Box 563, Stockton.

Detective Sergeant Rex Parker, War Detail, Stockton Police Department, made available his records which reflected nothing in addition to that set out above as having been obtained from the Bureau of Identification.

An exhaustive neighborhood investigation was conducted in the vicinity of Route 1, Box 563F in an attempt to establish the subject's present whereabouts with negative results. One neighbor, MRS. J. L. SHELBORN, 348 Sinclair Avenue, advised that the subject left approximately six months ago and that she was under the impression that he was married to a nurse. She could give no information concerning his activities while in Stockton which would assist in establishing his present whereabouts.

It was noted that Route 1, Box 563F, Subject's former addres, is now 320 Sinclair Avenue.

The records of the Stockton Merchants Association, a credit bureau, and those of the United States Employment Service, were checked for the name of the subject and all of his aliases with negative results. Examination of Docket No. 7740, of the Superior Court of San Joaquin County, County Court House, reflected that RAMEN DUREN and 17 other defendants were convicted during June, July, and August, 1940 on a violation of Section 87 of the State Penal Code, in that they failed to testify before the Yorty Committee, a State Legislative Committee investigating un-American activities within the state. The docket further indicates that they were remanded to the custody of the Sheriff and incarcerated in the San Joaquin County Jail, Stockton, and that on July 3, 1941 the Subject and all other defendants were granted commutations of sentence to time served. Under date of July 1, 1941 Mr. PAUL YORWOOD, Secretary of the State Advisory Board, had recommended to Governor Culbert L. Olsen that all eighteen defendants be granted a full pardon and in accordance with that request, on December 28, 1942, Governor Olsen granted a full and unconditional pardon to all eighteen defendants.

Judge EDWARD E. BRETENCHUR, Judge, City Police Court, advised that he was a judge at the above trial charging subject with failure to testify before the

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Yorty Committee and that it is his personal opinion that the subject was an ardent Communist. However Judge Bretenchur could not base his opinion upon any definite facts brought out in the trial. He explained that the subject had refused to express himself one way or another at the trial but the general tenor of his conversations and actions definitely indicated to him that he was fervently Communistic.

Mr. M. J. HENRY, Attorney, First National Bank Building, advised that he was affiliated with the Yorty Committe in the capacity of legal counselor and that he had in his possession a complete transcript of all the testimony given at the trial. His testimony was perused by the writer and it was noted that the subject stated he was chairman of the Workers Alliance, Local 180, Stockton, California; that he was born in the United States and that he formerly worked for two months for the State Relief Administration in Kern County, California in a capacity of probationary case aide. The subject further stated in his testimony that he took allegiance only to American Constitution and the Bill of Rights. He was questioned as to whether or not he had served in the Loyalist Army in Spain and he refused to either deny that he had or admit that he had. He further refused to answer questions as to his place of birth, membership in the Communist Party, etc. The above testimony by the subject was given during the period from April 10 to April 12, 1940 in Stockton, California, before the Sam W. Yorty Committee.

It is noted in reference report of Special Agent A. D. Horn, that investigation was conducted at the State Relief Administration, Bakersfield, California, during 1940 in an attempt to verify Subject's employment with the SRA, and that MR. H. R. HUBBARD, Director of the Kern County Work Relief Department, Bakersfield, had advised that upon the termination of subject's employment with the SRA, his personnel file had disappeared from the SRA office. In this connection, it will be noted that until recently the master files of all State Relief Association employees have been kept at Sacramento, California but that within the past several months, because of the lack of filing space, these records have been distributed to the various counties concerned. Consequently a lead is being set out for the Los Angeles Field Division to again check the SRA records of Bakersfield, inasmuch as it is felt that such records have been recently received from Sacramento and that such records will contain the citizenship status of the Subject.

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION
AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA:

Will examine the State Relief Administration Personnel Records in an effort to determine the citizenship status of the Subject, bearing in mind that he worked for the SRA two months in the capacity of probationary case aide.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION
AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA:

At the Department of Motor Vehicles, will check the operator's license and Auto Registration in an effort to establish the present whereabouts of the subject. A review of the file reflects that a duplicate operator's license, No. H-3078-58, was issued August 14, 1940 to RAMAN DURAM, Route 1, Box 365, Stockton, California.

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with aliases;
Ramen Durem
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Route #1, Box 563 F,
Stockton, California (Res.)

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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: RAYMON DUREM, with aliases
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of

X an addition to the Custodial Detention card relating to Subject. This addition is to be attached to the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card already in your possession.

____ a revised Custodial Detention card relating to Subject to be substituted for the photostatic copy of the Custodial Detention card presently in your possession which should be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FILE NO. 61-374

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES	6/21/43	6/8,11/43	JOHN MICHAEL WHITE dml

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAYMON DUREM, with aliases	CUSTODIAL DETENTION (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject's SRA personnel folder at the Kern County Welfare Department indicates Durem born 1/30/14 in Seattle, Wash; that DUREM attended Roy High School in Roy, Wash., and graduated from Puget Sound College in 1935.

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REFERENCES: Bureau File #100-18549
Report of Special Agent LINDIAN J. SWAIM (A), San Francisco, 5/28/43.

DETAILS:

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA:

H. R. HUBBARD, Rand Construction Company advised that he had no further information outside of that previously furnished to this office. He added that MRS. D. WOODS, of the Sheriff's Office, might possibly know to whom the SRA files may have been returned. She was contacted and advised that they were probably in the possession of the County Welfare Department.

DONALD D. DAUWALDER, Kern County Welfare Department, furnished the Subject's personnel folder and it reflected the following information.

Subject as RAMEN DUREM was born January 30, 1914 in Seattle, Washington. He attended the Roy High School in Roy, Washington, then graduated from the Puget Sound College with an A.B. degree in 1935. He married on January 12, 1937. (No indication of where the ceremony took place.)

DUREM was employed from October of 1934 until April 1935 as the Recreational Director of a Federal Transient Camp under the direction of MRS. J. CURRAN, Tacoma, Washington. Then from February, 1937 until December, 1938, DUREM indicated that he had been an Administrator of an American Hospital in

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Spain during the Spanish Civil War. His next employment was with the State Relief Administration from March, 1939 until May, 1939, where he worked as a probationary case aide.

DUREM'S file revealed that he had resided at one time or another at the following addresses-

1136 West Oak Street, Stockton, California
2125 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California
Route 6, Box 218, Stockton, California.

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THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington, will at the recorder's office verify the birth of the Subject in Seattle on January 30, 1914.

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LOS ANGELES	6/21/43	6/3,11/43	JOHN MICHAEL GAIN dml

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMON BURNS, with aliases	CUSTODIAL DETENTION (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject's WRA personnel folder at the Kern County Welfare Department indicates Burns born 1/30/14 in Seattle, Wash; that BURNS attended Roy High School in Roy, Wash., and graduated from Puget Sound College in 1935.

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REFERENCES: Bureau File #100-18549
Report of Special Agent LIEMAN J. SWAIN (A), San Francisco, 6/28/43.

DETAILS:

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA:

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR
HUGH B. COX, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND
J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I refer to Mr. L. M. C. Smith's memorandum to me dated June 28, 1943, which reviews the history, development, and meaning of the Special Case work and of the danger classifications that were made as a part of that work.

After full re-consideration of these individual danger classifications, I am satisfied that they serve no useful purpose. The detention of alien enemies is being dealt with under the procedures established by the Alien Enemy Control Unit. The Special Case procedure has been found to be valueless and is not used in that connection. There is no statutory authorization or other present justification for keeping a "custodial detention" list of citizens. The Department fulfills its proper functions by investigating the activities of persons who may have violated the law. It is not aided in this work by classifying persons as to dangerousness.

Apart from these general considerations, it is now clear to me that this classification system is inherently unreliable. The evidence used for the purpose of making the classifications was inadequate; the standards applied to the evidence for the purpose of making the classifications were defective; and finally, the notion that it is possible to make a valid determination as to how dangerous a person is in the abstract and without reference to time, environment, and other relevant circumstances, is impractical, unwise, and dangerous.

For the foregoing reasons I am satisified that the adoption of this classification system was a mistake that should be rectified for the future. Accordingly, I direct that the classifications heretofore made should not be regarded as classifications of dangerousness or as a

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determination of fact in any sense. In the future, they should not be used for any purpose whatsoever. Questions raised as to the status or activities of a particular person should be disposed of by consideration of all available information, but without reference to any classification heretofore made.

A copy of this memorandum should be placed in the file of each person who has hitherto been given a classification. In addition, each card upon which a classification appears should be stamped with the following language:

> "THIS CLASSIFICATION IS UNRELIABLE. IT IS HEREBY CANCELLED, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUSNESS OR OF ANY OTHER FACT. (SEE MEMORANDUM OF JULY 16, 1943 FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HUGH B. COX AND J. EDGAR HOOVER)."

Attorney General

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAYMON DUREM, with aliases.	CUSTODIAL DETENTION (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Official records fail to disclose subject born in Seattle, Wash. and investigation at all local boards fails to disclose subject registered at Seattle.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN MICHAEL WHITE dated at Los Angeles, California 6/21/43.

Letter from San Francisco dated 6/28/43.

DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The records of the State Department of Health, Department of Vital Statistics, and the records of the City Health Department, Seattle, fails to disclose any birth record of the subject in Seattle.

A check was made of all the local boards in the city of Seattle and King County which failed to disclose that the subject had ever registered for Selective Service in the city of Seattle or in King County.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	8-5-43	6-30; 7-16-43	RAYMOND H. PETERSON EP

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAYMOND DUNCH, with aliases.	CUSTODIAL DETENTION (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Official records fail to disclose subject born in Seattle, Wash. and investigation at all local boards fails to disclose subject registered at Seattle.

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Letter from San Francisco dated 6/28/43.

DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
August 28, 1943

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: RAMEN DUREM, with aliases
SECURITY MATTER (C)

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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Case originated at: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA File No. 100-878

Report made at:	Date:	Period:	Report made by:
SAN FRANCISCO	9/10/43	6/21,24,28; 8/14,25/43	WILLIAM JOHN HURLEY (A) aam

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Title:	Character of case:
RAMEN DUREM, with aliases Raymon Durem, Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem, ____ Duren, ____ Duvem	SECURITY MATTER (C)

SYNOPSIS: Unable to locate subject through automobile registration and operators records. Wife of subject, REBECCA DUREM, determined to have lived in New York City.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN MICHAEL WHITE dated 6/21/43 at Los Angeles, California.
Report of Special Agent LINDIAN J. SWAIM (A) dated 5/28/43 at San Francisco, California.
Report of Special Agent L. M. FALLAW dated 4/21/41 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS:

RAMEN DUREM is being shown as the principal name in the title in view of the fact that reference report by Special Agent L. M. FALLAW bore that title and official records of Police Departments.

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employers and the State Department of Motor Vehicles indicated that as his correct name.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

On June 21, 1943 Mrs. MAUDE MARTIN, of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, 228 Pine Street, was requested to obtain all available information regarding driver's permit or registration certificates for the subject under his various aliases and for his wife REBECCA DUREM.

Mrs. MARTIN on July 24, 1943 advised that the subject had been issued operator's license #H-307852 on A pril 29, 1939, valid until April 29, 1943. This license was issued in the name of RAMEN DUREM, 415 Lincoln Street, Bakersfield, California, and described subject as follows:

Height:	5'6"
Weight:	150
Eyes:	Blue, wears glasses
Hair:	Brown
Race:	White
Marital status:	Married
Birthdate:	January 30, 1914

A duplicate of this operator's license was issued on August 14, 1940 to RAMEN DUREM, Route 1, Box 563, Stockton, California. At this time subject was described as follows:

Height:	5'3"
Weight:	145
Eyes:	Blue, wears glasses
Hair:	Brown
Race:	White
Marital status:	Married
Birthdate:	January 30, 1915

Mrs. MARTIN stated that there was no registration for the subject and there was no record of any renewal of his operator's permit.

Under the name of REBECCA DUREM, Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, California, record was found of a 1940 registration of a 1936 Ford Sedan, Motor #18-2471-383. This car entered California in May of 1939 under

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1939 New York State license #7-C-3588 was given California 1940 license #9-F-1062. The former addresses of the owner REBECCA DUREM was shown as 1245 Grandview, Bronx, New York. On April 1, 1940 REBECCA DUREM, Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, was issued operator's license #M-120411, valid until April 1, 1944. Mrs. DUREM is described as follows:

Height:	5'2"
Weight:	135
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Race:	White
Marital status:	Married
Birthdate:	January 8, 1911

There was no record of a renewal of the registration for REBECCA DUREM in 1941, 1942 or 1943.

Mrs. MARTIN also advised that the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company had an embezzlement claim against RAMEN DUREM of Bakersfield, California, whose wife's name was REBECCA, for failure to make payments on a 1936 Ford Sedan, Motor number 18-2471-383. This car was mentioned above as being registered to REBECCA DUREM.

On June 24, 1943 Mr. MAYNARD A. KIMMEY, Manager of the Adjustment Division of the Fidelity Phoenix Insurance Company, 60 Sansome Street, advised that his company had paid claim #364-82 on Police #81708 to the Mechanics Bank at Pinole, California, but that the car had later been recovered by the bank. Mr. KIMMEY stated that it was his belief that the records of the Mechanics Bank at Pinole were now kept in the Richmond, California, Branch of the Bank.

AT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA:

On August 14, 1943 Mrs. ADA SMITH of the Automobile Loan Department of the Mechanics Bank was telephonically contacted. She advised that the only record which was in the possession of the bank showed that a 1935 Ford Sedan, Motor #18-1350674, had been repossessed on February 27, 1940 from RAMEN DUREM whose only address was shown as being the State Relief Administration Building, Bakersfield, California. Mrs. SMITH advised

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that due to the closing of the branch at Pinole in 1940 complete records were not now available for closed transactions.

Under date of August 28, 1943 a request for criminal record of the subject was made of the Bureau under FBI #2070740 in order that possible location of him may be made through employment in a defense industry.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK:

Will examine the records of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in an effort to determine whether or not REBECCA DUREM has renewed her driver's license and whether or not she now is registered as the owner of an automobile in New York City.

Will make appropriate neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 1245 Grandview Place, Bronx, to determine whether or not forwarding address or other leads to the whereabouts of REBECCA DUREM can be obtained.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA:

Will discretely check the address of 2125 Cedar Street shown in reference report of Special Agent JOHN MICHAEL WHITE as a former residence of the subject, in an effort to obtain forwarding address or other information leading to his present whereabouts.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will report the criminal record received from the Bureau for the subject and set out appropriate leads if any regarding his present employment.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	10/19/43	10/8/43	WILLIAM E. WARD

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM, with aliases	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Reference: Report of Special Agent (A) William John Hurley dated September 10, 1943, at San Francisco, California.

Details: At New York City

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Concourse; and accordingly Post Office Station "T" on Webster Avenue and 167th Street was contacted, Therecords were searched by Superintendent CHARLES E. FORD, but no records were found on REBECCA DUREM.

Superintendent F. E. GARRELL at 1245 Grandview Avenue, Bronx, New York, stated that he did not remember any tenant by the name of REBECCA DUREM, although he was superintendent of the apartment at the time that she was supposed to have been living there.

STANLEY BROFF, the owner of this building, who has an office at 120 Central Park South, also did not remember any REBECCA DUREM as being a resident of his apartment building.

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NEW YORK CITY	10/19/43	10/8/43	WILLIAM E. WARD

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM, with aliases	SECURITY MATTER - C

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Report Made At	Date Made	Period	Report Made By
SAN FRANCISCO	11/15/43	10/11,18/43	WILLIAM JOHN HURLEY map

Title	Character of Case
RAMEN DUREM, with aliases Raymon Durem, Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem, ___Duren, ___Duvem	SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Inquiry at former address of subject negative. Criminal record received from Bureau, subject determined to be in Las Vegas, as of 10/ 7/42.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM JOHN HURLEY, dated 9/10/43 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS: Mrs. FREDERICKA COPELAND and her brother EDWARD GRAHAM, both of 2125 Cedar Street, Berkeley, were telephonically contacted by the writer in an effort to obtain any information concerning the present whereabouts of the subject. Both Mrs. COPELAND and Mr. GRAHAM advised that they had moved to that address within recent months and that they had no knowledge whatsoever concerning anyone by the name of RAMEN DUREM or any name similar to that. Mrs. COPELAND advised that she felt quite sure that none of the neighbors in the 2100 block on Cedar Street had been in that neighborhood for much more than one year. Accordingly no further efforts were made to conduct a neighborhood investigation. Neither Mrs. COPELAND nor Mr. GRAHAM was advised of the identity of the caller. In response to a request of the San Francisco Field Division, the Identification Division furnished the following known criminal record of RAMEN DUREM, FBI No. 2070740:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Berkeley, California	Ramen Durem #3938-D-2	9/10/36	Ord. 648 NS (Anti-picketing)	3/24/37, dism.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, Stockton, California	Ramen Durem #19018	5/8/40	vio. Sec. 87 PC (2 cts.) (failure to testify before a Legislative Inv. Committee)	8/6/40, Fnd. Glty, Jury Trial 1st Ct., 180 days Jail and on 2nd. Ct. 180 days and $500.00 fine; jail sentences to run cs.
C. S. COMM., Wash., D. C.	Ramen Durem Residence, 1005 2nd Street, Las Vegas, N. Mex. born 1/30/15	F. P. 10/7/42 Las Vegas,	Position, Mechanic Learner (Radio) uncl. Signal Training Detachment, Las Vegas, N. Mex.	

An appropriate lead is being set out for the El Paso Field Division to endeavor to determine the subject's nationality status.

For the benefit of the El Paso Field Division, which has not previously received reports on the subject, the following summary is being set out:

RAMEN DUREM, the subject of a security index card, fought for the International Brigade on the side of the Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War, was a member of the Young Communist League and the American Students Union while attending the University of California, and was a registered Communist Party member in January 1939. As of May 15, 1940 he was president of the local chapter of The Worker's Alliance, Stockton, California. Under date of January 15, 1943 the San Francisco Field Division was requested by the Bureau, to determine the nationality status of the subject so that such information could be forwarded to the Criminal Division of the department. The subject has claimed the birth date of January 30, 1914, and January 30, 1915 at different times and has claimed Seattle, Washington as his birthplace; however investigation by the Seattle Field Division has failed to disclose any birth record of the subject in that city.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO:

Will endeavor to locate the subject through the address 1005 Second Street, or through the Signal Training Detachment.

Will, through the employer of the subject, endeavor to make appropriately discreet arrangements for obtaining proof of the subject's date and place of birth.

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SAC, El Paso

May 16, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RAMON BURRM, with aliases
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William John Hurley dated November 15, 1943, at San Francisco, California, wherein undeveloped leads were set out for your office.

A review of the Bureau's file in this case fails to reflect the receipt of any information subsequent to the report of reference and you are, therefore, requested to advise whether steps have been taken to cover the undeveloped leads mentioned above.

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EL PASO, TEXAS	5/26/44	3/29;5/25/44	FRANKLIN E. WRIGHT alw

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMON DUREM, with aliases	SECURITY MATTER - C.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject enrolled in U. S. Signal Corps Training Detachment, Highlands University, Las Vegas, N. M., 1942-43. Transferred to Pre-Radar School, Lubbock, Texas. Civilian employment as Clerk, New Mexico Department of Public Health, Las Vegas. Born Seattle, Wash., 6/30/15.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM JOHN HURLEY, San Francisco, California, dated 11/15/43; Bureau letter dated 5/16/44.

Details: The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent THOMAS V. PITTMAN, dated at El Paso, Texas, March 29, 1944:

"Mr. JACK C. HANLON, Business Manager, Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, advised that the Subject was enrolled in a Signal Training Detachment at the HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY in 1942-43. The records reflect that he was born at Seattle, Washington, and was 27 years of age as of October 7, 1942. He was married, and his Social Security Number is 516-30-2404. While at Las Vegas he lived at 1005 2nd Street.

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"Mrs. HARRIET KANTOR, Supervisor of Nurses, County Court House, Las Vegas, advised that the records of the Public Health Department reflected that the Subject was born in Seattle, Washington, June 30, 1915.

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"She further advised that of her own knowledge the Subject was an orphan and it is possible that he has adopted his foster parents' name. She is personally acquainted with the Subject and advised that he is now connected with some type of highly scientific work in Los Angeles, California. She was unable to give either the name of the plant or the home address of the Subject."

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LOS ANGELES	8-7-44	6/19,7/5,7, ~~17, 19, 21/44~~	E. BRUCE RYDER HA

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM, was	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject, reported holder of CP membership book No. 68150, transferred from Los Vegas, New Mexico CP to Los Angeles County CP on 9/1/43. Subject alleged to have been discharged from Executive Committee of unknown club for lack of responsibility. Subject's wife, REBECCA SHULMAN DUREM, assigned to 59th AD Club, LA County CP. Subject born 1/30/12, Seattle, Washington. Subject reported in service U.S. Navy 12/10/29 to 7/24/31, and in U.S. Army 10/7/43 to 8/27/43. Subject registered with LDB 87, Findley, Bronx, New York, Order No. 1154 Complete background information set forth. Subject and family residing 2172 Travers Court, Banning Homes, San Pedro, Calif. Subject employed as civilian service employee (Electrician) by U.S. Navy Dry Dock, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 100-18549
Letter from San Francisco dated June 3, 1944.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

By reference letter the Los Angeles Field Division was requested to ascertain present employment of the subject and secure background information.

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COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION:

Source A advised that a transfer card had been observed on September 2, 1943 for one RAMEN DUREM, 1326 Arapahoe, Los Angeles, which reflected that the subject transferred from the Las Vegas, New Mexico Branch of the Communist Party to the Los Angeles County Communist Party under date of September 1, 1943. The notation appearing upon this transfer card, according to Source A, revealed that the subject is the holder of book #68150. A further notation revealed that subject was known to one "GENE KAPLAN, also a Spanish Veteran and also one of the Yorty Trial people from Stockton."

Source B advised that the subject, known to this individual as RAMON, a reported member of the 55th A.D. Club, had made a speech some time in September of 1943 at a Peoples World party, held at 907 South Kenmore. According to this same source this individual was known to be a Spanish War Veteran who had originally lived in Seattle and had more recently come to Los Angeles from Texas.

Source C made available information reflecting that on December 2, 1943, he had observed a slip bearing date October 10, 1943, which disclosed that the Los Angeles County Communist Party Headquarters had made inquiry of the Communist Party Headquarters at Denver, Colorado regarding the subject's status. According to this source subject was formerly a member of the Las Vegas, New Mexico Communist Party and had reported in Los Angeles without proper transfer, but he had advised the local headquarters that one DOROTHY, membership secretary of the Denver office, was acquainted with him.

This same source advised that information had been received from DOROTHY BASKIN from Denver, Colorado, to the effect that the subject was considered acceptable by that organization.

Under date of April 22, 1944, Source B was present at Communist Party headquarters, at which time HELEN WINTER, party functionary, had been in contact with the subject and had made arrangements for an appointment for 3:00 P.M. on that same date. Source D was present at the time when HELEN WINTER had been in contact with LILLIAN FISHER, Membership Director of the 55th A.D. Club.

On this occasion LILLIAN FISHER had advised HELEN WINTER that the subject should not be dismissed too lightly. It was further brought out that the subject had not paid his dues and was not attending meetings. This same source, on April 22, 1944, was present at a time when the subject personally contacted HELEN WINTER at the Los Angeles County Communist Party headquarters, at which time he advised HELEN WINTER and Source D that he had been requested by BEN RICHMOND to call at the headquarters office. On this particular occasion arrangements were made for the subject and LILLIAN FISHER to meet at

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the home of SAM and FRIEDA SAPERSTEIN, 1027 Arapahoe on the coming Wednesday at 8:00 P.M., at which time it was believed that the difficulties of subject's membership could be ironed out. It had been further revealed to this same source that BEN RICHMOND had understood that the subject was resentful about a reference made to his being a veteran of the Spanish Civil War, and further that he was considered difficult to handle. For this apparent reason subject's transfer had been blocked by LILLIAN FISHER, Membership Director of the 55th A.D. Club.

Under date of April 27, 1944, Source B advised that the subject had been identified in attendance at a meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Veterans, held at the Belmont Studios. There were reported some eighteen persons in attendance at this particular meeting, the details of which were not known by Source B.

Through the cooperation of Source C it was ascertained during a meeting of the 55th A.D. Club held on May 3, 1944 at the Park Manor, 2200 West 7th Street, an announcement had been made that one ROMAN (phonetic), who is believed to be identical with the subject, had been discharged from an executive committee for lack of responsibility. This individual had been reported by Source C as having lived with the KADISH', reported members of the 55th A.D. Club.

Under date of April 26, 1944, Special Agent ARNOLD V. ANTOLA personally observed a motor vehicle bearing California license 1 W 5736, registered to REBECCA DUREM, 3033 Sierra Street, Los Angeles, in the vicinity of 1027 Arapahoe Street at approximately 8:00 P.M. This address is the known residence of SAM and FRIEDA SAPERSTEIN, affiliated members of the 55th A.D. Communist Party Club, and on the night in question it had been previously ascertained by Source D that a meeting, presumably of the executives of the above mentioned club, was contemplated for the evening of April 26, 1944.

COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION OF REBECCA DUREM, SUBJECT'S WIFE:

Source C advised that on May 31, 1944, transfer card bearing No. 7824 had been observed, which reflected a transfer for REBECCA DUREM, 3033 Sierra, Los Angeles, from the Las Vegas Branch, New Mexico Communist Party to the Los Angeles County Communist Party. This transfer card bore the date of February 14, 1944 and further reflected an address of 515 N. Spaulding, telephone WYoming 3369, for REBECCA DUREM.

This same source, on June 14, 1944, made available an assignment card reflecting that REBECCA DUREM, 515 North Spaulding, had been transferred from Las Vegas and had been subsequently assigned to the 59th A.D. Club. A notation, according to this source, appeared on this card, which reveals that REBECCA DUREN had been requested on March 11, 1944 to appear at the

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Communist Party headquarters and had telephonically communicated with the headquarters in response to this request, at which time she advised that she would be in the office when she had secured a job.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Source E advised that information under his control reflected that the subject was born in Seattle, King County, Washington, on January 30, 1915, being the son of JOHN DUREM and MAY WOOLENEY. Subject's father and mother were reportedly born in Seattle and Sumner, Washington respectively.

Attention is directed to the fact that proof of citizenship, as secured by Source E, reflects that the subject's true birthdate is January 30, 1912 at Seattle, Washington, this having been verified by Source E after observing a United States Naval Discharge under date of July 24, 1931. This same source advised that the subject is married to REBECCA SHULMAN and is the father of one daughter, DOLORES DUREM, age unknown. Subject's wife was reportedly born on December 18, 1913 at Dayton, Ohio and had formerly been employed by the New Mexico Health Department, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

It was revealed that subject had attended the following educational institutions on the dates indicated:

John Muir School, Seattle, Washington, 1929.
Vallejo High School, Vallejo, California, graduated 1935.
University of California at Berkeley, two and a half years, terminated schooling on April 1, 1937.

It was further revealed by Source E that subject had been employed during the following dates by the individuals or organizations designated:

May, 1934 to April, 1937 - University of California.
April, 1937 to July, 1940 - unemployed (It is the understanding of Source E that during this particular time the subject was in Spain, reportedly as a member of the Spanish Loyalist Army)
July, 1940 to April, 1942 - G.E. Metal Products Co., 55 G.T. Jones, New York City.
June, 1942 to October, 1942. New Mexico Public Health Department, Las Vegas, New Mexico.
October, 1942 to August, 1943 - U.S. Army Signal Corps, San Antonio, Texas.
August 31, 1943 to April 20, 1944. Gilfillan Bros., Inc., 1815 West Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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Source E advised that the subject informed him of previous military service with the United States Navy as a seaman aboard the U.S.S. West Virginia from December 10, 1929 until July 24, 1931. Verification of this service had been personally observed by Source E after having viewed a United States Naval Discharge granted by E. E. CURTIS, Captain, U. S. Navy, on July 24, 1931 at Mare Island, California. This particular document reflected that the subject had enlisted in the United States Navy at Portland, Oregon on December 10, 1929 and indicated his date and place of birth as being January 30, 1912 at Seattle, Washington.

Further military service for the subject was reported by Source E as having been from December 7, 1942 until August 27, 1943 with the United States Army Signal Corps, at which time he was engaged in Radio and Pre-Radar work at San Antonio, Texas.

This same source advised that the subject had designated the following as his previous addresses:1933-35 Tacoma, Washington; 1935-37 1800 Walnut Avenue, Berkeley, California; 1937-39, 18 Matarin Moreau, Paris, France; 1939 to 1940, 8 St. Marks Place, New York City; 1940 to 1942, 916 East 19th, New York City.

Source E advised that as of March 4, 1944 the subject had been laid off by the Gilfillan-Brothers, Inc., due to reduction in plant personnel, but that this same source had subsequently been advised that the subject had been reinstated by this organization on April 13, 1944. In accordance with a ruling of the War Manpower Commission, subject's employer, as of that date, had appealed the ruling and on April 20, 1944 the subject had been discharged in accordance with the suggestion of the War Manpower Commission.

Source F advised the writer under date of July 7, 1944 that the subject had been a resident of 1320 South Arapahoe from August 30th until October 4, 1943 and had left a forwarding address with the proprietor of that rooming house requesting his mail be sent to 938 South Kingsley Drive. This is the known residence of LORRAIN and FRANK KADISH, reported members of the 55th Communist Party Club.

From a highly confidential source it was ascertained that subject and his wife, formerly residents of 515 North Spaulding Avenue, recently moved to 2172 Travers Court, San Pedro, California.

The indices of the Voter's Registration were checked by the writer for the name and aliases of the subject, with negative results. Source G made available information reflecting that the subject and his wife, residents of 2172 Travers Court, Banning Homes, San Pedro, California, had been in that locality since May 10, 1944. It was also reported by this same source that the subject's minor daughter, DELORES, resided with the subject and his wife. According to Source G the subject was employed by the United States Naval Drydock as an electrician and his wife was reportedly employed by Dr. F. BISSEL, 6251 Sunset.

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Source H made available information to Special Agent ELDON STUTZMAN on July 21, 1944 which revealed that the subject is presently employed as a civilian service employee by the United States Navy at the U.S. Naval Drydock, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. It was further reported by this source that the subject had been so employed since May 1, 1944 and it was further known that the subject held an honorable discharge from the United States Navy dated July 24, 1931. It was pointed out that the subject had enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of fourteen, at which time he had given a false date of birth.

It was also reported by this same source that a criminal record was available for the subject; however personal data in this regard was not obtainable by Agent STUTZMAN at this particular time.

The following description of the subject was given by Source H:

Height	5' 5"
Weight	138
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Build	Medium
Scars and marks	Gun shot wound on left knee, fracture scar on left foot.
Social Security No.	546-20-2404
Selective Service	LDB 87, Bronx, New York Classified 3-A.
Present employment	Electrician, U.S. Naval Drydock, Terminal Island, Badge #12402
Father	JOHN DUREM
Mother	MARY WOLLERY (It is to be noted that this information varies somewhat from that previously reported by Source E)
Wife	REBECCA SHULMAN DUREM
Residence	2172 Travers Court, Banning Homes, San Pedro, California

On ascertaining in verified form that the subject was presently a civilian service employee in the U.S. Navy, investigation in instant case was discontinued.

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SOURCE A: CONF. INFT. CNDI [redacted]

SOURCE B: CNDI

SOURCE C: CNDI

SOURCE D: CNDI

SOURCE E: Mr. J. E. NEVINS, Personnel Manager,
Gilfillan Brothers, Inc.
1815 West Venice Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

SOURCE F: Mrs. ELLEN WOLFE, 1320 S. Arapahoe,
Los Angeles, California.

SOURCE G: Mr. ROY PATTERSON, Manager
Harbor Section, Los Angeles
County Housing Authority,
Administration Building
Banning Homes Project
San Pedro, California

SOURCE H: CONF. INFT. CNDI [redacted]

The identity of the above listed individuals is being concealed in accordance with their specific request.

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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: RAMEN DUREM, was
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 30, 1944 requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above entitled case.

You are hereby authorized to designate Los Angeles as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: August 30, 1944

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, with aliases
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. BRUCE RYDER dated August 7, 1944, at Los Angeles, California, which reflects that subject and his family are presently residing at 2172 Travers Court, Banning Homes, San Pedro, California, where the subject is employed as an electrician by the U. S. Navy Dry Dock at San Pedro. Accordingly, the Bureau is requested to make the Los Angeles Office the Office of Origin in this matter.

For the completion of the files of the Los Angeles Field Division, two copies of the change of address form letter, together with subject's photograph and the photostatic copy of his Security Index Card and the following serials, are being forwarded herewith to the Los Angeles Office with a copy of this letter:

Report of Special Agent L. M. FALLAW dated April 2, 1941, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent WALFRID H. PETERSON dated August 5, 1943, at Seattle, Washington.

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. HURLEY (A) dated September 10, 1943, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. WARD dated October 19, 1943, at New York City.

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM J. HURLEY dated November 15, 1943, at San Francisco.

The form letter reflecting subject's change of address on the Security Index Card is being attached hereto for the Bureau.

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cc: Los Angeles (Encls.-9)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 21, 1944

FROM : N. J. L. Pieper, SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
SECURITY MATTER (C)
(Bureau File #100-18549)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 9, 1944, in the above captioned matter designating Los Angeles as the division of origin in this case.

A review of the file shows that Los Angeles is in possession of all pertinent information and inasmuch as there appears to be no further investigation to be conducted in this division, this matter is being considered referred upon completion to Los Angeles.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES	4/12/45	2/24,28; 3/3,7,10,13, 17,21,24,27, 31; 4/3/45.	WILBUR S. NEWMAN WW

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
O RAMEN DUREM, with aliases	SECURITY MATTER-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject now resides at 3249 Oregon Street, Long Beach, California. Employed as an electrician for HODSON GREENE HALDEMAN SHIPBUILDERS, Long Beach, California. Transferred membership to the Long Beach Club, CPA in November, 1944 and now carried on active membership records of that club. Elected Secretary of Education and to serve on Executive Committee of the Long Beach Club for 1945. Attends all meetings and takes active part in them. Frequents the Walt Whitman Book Shop at Long Beach.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-18549.
San Francisco letter to Bureau, 9/21/44.
Bureau letter, 9/9/44.

DETAILS:

This case has been reopened in order to report additional Communist activities on the part of the Subject within the Los Angeles Field Division.

Source "A" furnished the information that Subject was employed by them from April 28, 1944 to November 21, 1944 and at the time he left he gave as the reason for leaving "ill health." This source furnished the information that his present address is 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California, and that

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his previous address in this locality was 515 North Spaulding Street, Los Angeles, California. He was employed by this source as an electrician at $1.21 per hour and at the time he started to work he gave as references a Dr. FRANK BISSEL, 6229 Sunset, Los Angeles, California, and Major WILLIAM PIKE, General Delivery, Espanola in Mexico.

Subject also furnished Source "A" with the following criminal record:

> Arrested by the Police Department, Berkeley, California on 9/10/36 for anti-picketing and this charge was dismissed on 3/24/37.
>
> Subject advised that he was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Stockton, California on 5/8/40, for failure to testify before a legislative investigative committee on 8/6/40, was found guilty and was sentenced on the first count to 180 days in jail and on the second count for 180 days in jail and a $500.00 fine. Jail sentences were to run concurrently. Subject advised that he served 3 months and then given a full pardon. Subject further stated at the time he was arrested for this he was President of a union which failed to surrender membership records.

Source "B" advised that Subject was employed by them as an electrician on December 4, 1944 in the Electrical Department and makes $1.20 per hour; he has been continuously employed by them since that time. He furnished as his home address 3249 Oregon Street, Long Beach, California; telephone Long Beach 45451. His Social Security number is 546-20-2404. He advised that he was registered with Local Draft Board 87. His address is 900 Grand Concourse, Plaza Hotel, New York City, New York. He is classified 2-B until August 1, 1945. He furnished Source "B" with the following references

> ROSE SHERRY,
> 1457½ Cloverdale,
> Los Angeles, California.
>
> RAY HARRIS,
> c/o Long Beach Health Department,
> Long Beach, California.

He advised that he had known Mr. HARRIS for the past five years.

He furnished previous employment records which have been set out in previous reports.

Subject furnished a birth certificate showing that he was born

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on January 30, 1915, at Seattle, Washington.

Height	5'6"
Weight	138 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Black
Marital status	Married, 1 child.

The Register of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, was checked and it was advised that Subject had registered on September 8, 1944; that he furnished his address as 3248 Oregon Street, Long Beach; that he was an electrician, and was born in the state of Washington; that his political affiliation was Democrat.

The information was obtained from Source "C" that Subject resides at 3249 Oregon Street, and has resided there since the forepart of 1944. He is purchasing his house at this address and resides there with his wife, REBECCA DUREM, and one minor child.

The information was obtained from Source "D" on August 9, 1945 that FRANK PADOVAN was a key figure in the San Pedro Club, C.P.A., and that he was discussing a party that he was planning to have at his house in San Pedro with a number of friends; when asked whom he was going to invite to this party, he named the subject and a number of other people, all of them being members of the Communist Party in the Harbor Area.

The information was obtained from Source "E" that Subject and his wife, REBECCA DUREM, first became active in the Long Beach Club, C.P.A. in November, 1944, and their membership in the C.P.A. was transferred to Long Beach at which time their names were added to the active membership list of the Long Beach Club, C.P.A. His dues are now paid in full at the present time.

This source further stated that Subject attends most of the meetings of the Long Beach Club and takes an active part in them. He has attended meetings on the following dates:

January 2, 1945
January 16, 1945
February 6, 1945
February 21, 1945
March 6, 1945
March 20, 1945
April 3, 1945

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On January 9, 1945 Subject was seen by Source "E" to have entered the home of PAUL PIERCE located at 961 Loma Vista Street, Long Beach, California. An Executive meeting of the Long Beach Club, C.P.A. was held on this date.

Source "E" further furnished the information that at the regular meeting of the Long Beach Club, C.P.A. which was held on February 6, 1945 at 835 Locust Street, Long Beach, California and when nominations were accepted for officers of the Long Beach Club for 1945 Subject was nominated for the Secretary of Education and he accepted this nomination.

This source further advised that at a regular meeting of the same club which was held February 21, 1945 and when elections were officially held for offices of the club for 1945, Subject was elected as Secretary of Education. At his election to this office as Secretary of Education, he also became a member of the Executive Committee which formulates the policies of the Long Beach Club in Long Beach.

At the March 6th meeting of the Long Beach Club, Subject gave an analysis for the other club members of the President's Message to Congress which was given a few days prior to this meeting.

Source "E" further advised that Subject has been seen to enter the Walt Whitman Book Shop located at 230 E. Broadway, Long Beach, California which is a Communist owned book shop in Long Beach where he has been seen to purchase numerous pieces of Communist literature.

Source "F" furnished the information that GEORGE SANDY who is Field Secretary for the Los Angeles County C.P.A. was discussing the nominations of officers for the Long Beach Club with JEANNE KATZ and during this conference SANDY advised Mrs. KATZ that MARY BINLEY was going to be sent to Long Beach by the Los Angeles County C.P.A. to work and SANDY was desirous of having her nominated as an officer of the Long Beach Club for 1945. SANDY suggested that she have the office of Educational Secretary, but Mrs. KATZ advised that Subject had been nominated for this position and to this SANDY replied that he thought Subject should take some other position in the club and let MARY BINLEY have this office.

In October, 1944, Source "G" furnished the information that in an interview with the Subject which occurred in the latter part of 1944, Subject confirmed the information which has been set out in previous reports in regard to his background and to his activities in the Communist movement. Subject admitted that he belonged to the AMERICAN STUDENT UNION and had participated in the picketing of various stores and for this picketing he had been apprehended by the Police Department, but had not been booked.

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Subject further furnished the information to Source "G" that in the summer of 1936 he left Berkeley, California for Spain via New York, Cherbourg and Paris, with his expenses paid by the San Francisco Committee for Aid of Spanish Democracy which was supported by trade unions to serve in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Subject further advised this source that he became a Lieutenant and fought his way with a club into France where he arrived in December, 1938, after a campaign in which his weight went from 145 pounds to 115 pounds. Included in this group was a German citizen HERMAN DOETCHER who is now an American citizen serving with the U.S. Army as a Captain in the South Pacific.

Subject further stated that he returned to Berkeley, California in January, 1939 from Spain and the following month entered the employ of the CALIFORNIA STATE RELIEF ASSOCIATION serving at Bakersfield, California. However, newspaper notoriety resulted in his release from this employment. He then reentered the employ of the State Relief Administration at Camp Natoma, Stockton, California in May, 1939, with the assistance and support of a trade union. Subject was discharged from this position in December, 1939 because of the instruction of the activities of the State Relief Administration.

Subject then advised that from December, 1939 to August, 1940 Subject resided at Stockton, California working without pay as head of the WORKERS ALLIANCE at which time the Yorty Committee of the California State Legislature subpoenaed the records of the WORKERS ALLIANCE. Subject refused to produce these records on the advice of his attorney, a Mr. SAWYER, who was associated with ROBERT GROSSMAN, counsel for HARRY BRIDGES. Subject advised that this decision was made because he felt that the membership records of the organization could be used as a farmer black list if a roster came into the hands of the Yorty Committee.

He further advised that in January, 1941 he was sentenced at Stockton, California to serve six months in jail, and he started serving this sentence in April, 1941 and on July 4, 1941 his sentence was commuted and a full pardon was granted to him by Governor OLSON of California.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION,

At Long Beach, California, will follow and report Subject's Communist activities in Long Beach, California.

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INFORMANT SHEET

Confidential

"A" Captain LOVE,
U.S. Naval Dry Docks,
Terminal Island, California.

"B" FRANK W. BUTTNER,
Personnel Manager,
Hodgson Greene Haldeman Shipbuilders,
1409 W 7th Street,
Long Beach, California.

"C" H.E. TURNER,
Home Investment Company,
410 Times Building,
Long Beach, California.

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"D" CNDI

"E" CNDI

"F" CNDI

"G" CNDI

The above informants have been designated as confidential informants for office security reasons.

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LOS ANGELES	5/23/45	4/7,10,14,18, 21,28;5/5,9, 12,15/45	REPORT MADE BY WILBUR S. NEWMAN EFD
TITLE RAMEN DUREM, with aliases.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to reside at 3241 Oregon Avenue and employed by Hodgson, Greene, Haldeman Shipbuilders, Long Beach, California. Recently elected Shop Steward for IUMSWA--CIO, Local No. 9. Attends all meetings of the Long Beach Club, CPA, and at recent meeting ledd discussion on the San Francisco Conference for international organization.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #100-18549.
Report of Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN dated April 12, 1945 at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS:

Source A furnished the information that subject continues to be employed as an electrician for the Hodgson, Greene, Haldeman Shipbuilders, 1409 West Seventh Street, Long Beach, California, and continues to make $1.20 per hour. This source further advised that subject was recently elected a Shop Steward for the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America--CIO Local No. 9, and takes an active part in union affairs within the yard.

Source B furnished the information that subject is one of the most active members of the Long Beach Club, CPA. He attends all meetings and special functions of the club and takes an active part in each meeting. He has been very active in recruiting and in the past few months he has recruited a number of new members for the Long Beach Club, CPA. Subject frequents the Walt Whitman Book Shop, 230 E. Broadway, Long Beach, California, a Communist owned book shop in Long Beach, where he has been seen to purchase various pieces of Communistic literature.

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Source B advised that on April 13, 1945, subject attended a special meeting which was sponsored by the Long Beach Club, CPA, and held at 835 Locust Street, Long Beach, California. This meeting honored Mother BLOOR, who is on the National Committee, CPA. This same source advised that subject was seen in attendance at the meetings of the Long Beach Club, CPA, which were held on April 17 and May 1 and May 15, 1945. All of these meetings were held at 835 Locust Street, Masonic Temple Building, Long Beach, California.

At the meeting of the Long Beach Club held on May 15, 1945, subject discussed the San Francisco Conference for International Organization and during his discussion he stated that the world future and the future of our community was at stake at this conference and if this conference succeeded it would draw all nations closer together, thereby bringing about a lasting unity for all peoples and all countries. At the time that MALVINA REYNOLDS, the Recording Secretary of the Long Beach Club, made up the letter notifying the Long Beach Club members of this meeting, she put on the letter that subject was going to talk on the above subject and further identifying him as a long time fighter in the cause of Democracy and an active trade unionist in Long Beach.

Source C furnished the information that this source saw the subject's name appearing on a sheet of paper at the Los Angeles County CPA headquarters and this source stated that subject was a member of the Long Beach Club and had recruited three new members in the CPA.

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LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Long Beach, California

Will follow and report subject's Communistic activities in Long Beach.

Will secure handwriting specimen and photograph of the subject and submit same to the Bureau.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Source A: FRANK W. BUTTNER, Personnel Manager, Hododgson, Greene, Haldeman Shipbuilders, 1409 West Seventh Street, Long Beach.

Complete

B: CNDI [redacted]

C: CNDI [redacted]

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The above sources so designated for office security purposes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: May 23, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C (Bureau file 100-18549)

Reference is made to report of Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN dated May 23, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, wherein is set forth information that subject is now a Shop Steward for the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, Local No. 9, as well as information concerning subject's membership and activities in the Long Beach Club, CPA.

In view of the fact that subject is very active in the above-mentioned union and very active in the Long Beach Club, CPA, and is also Secretary of Education and on the Executive Committee of that club, subject is being designated a key figure in the Los Angeles Field Division.

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TO : Director, FBI, Attention FBI Laboratory DATE: July 4, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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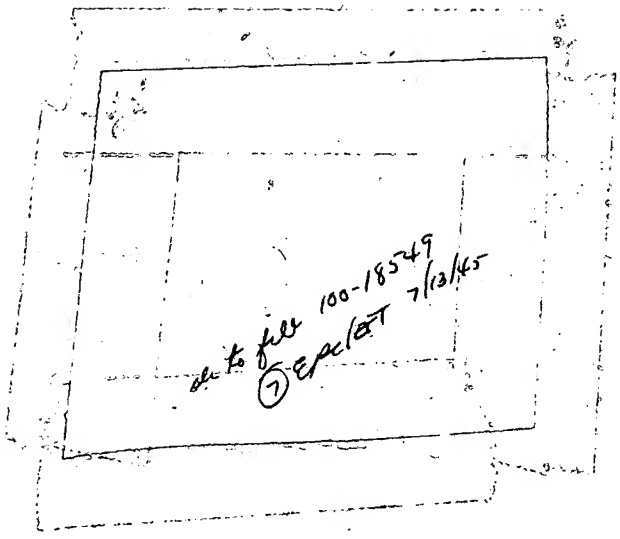
There are enclosed herewith photographic specimens of handwriting of the subject of this case. It is noted that the subject has heretofore been designated a key figure in the Los Angeles Field Division.

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HODGSON-GREENE-HALDEMAN SHIPBUILDERS
1409 W. SEVENTH STREET, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

USE INK -:- PRINT NAME -:- ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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EDUCATIONAL RECORD

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ELEMENTARY	8				
HIGH	4				
COLLEGE	3		Univ of Calif.	Berkeley	Math - econ - personnel
OTHER	1				

In Case of Emergency Notify: Name Rebecca Dunn Address 3249 Oregon LB Phone 45451 Relation To You wife

Have You Ever Been Convicted of a Felony? NO ☒ Yes ☐

Are You A Member of: ☐ Navy Reserve ☐ Army Reserve Unit no Rank

Have You Served In: ☒ U. S. Navy ☐ U. S. Army ☐ U. S. Marine Corps ☒ Foreign Country Honorable Discharge ☒ Yes ☐ No

PERSONAL REFERENCES — OTHER THAN EMPLOYERS OR RELATIVES

Name Lois S Henry Address 1457½ Cloverdale-LA Phone W49318 Length of Acquaintance 2 yrs

Name Ray Harris Address 3240 Long Beach Health Dept Phone Length of Acquaintance 5 yrs

Organizations You Belong To Other Than Labor Unions none

Relatives Residing In Foreign Countries: none Name Address Relationship

Relatives Now in Federal Employ or Serving in Army, Navy, Marines: Name none Address Relationship

" " " " " Name Address Relationship

Name and Address of Father and Mother, If Living not known Name Address

Do You Have Any Relatives Now In the Employ of This Company: none Name Address Relationship

In the Event of Employment By Hodgson-Greene-Haldeman Shipbuilders, I Agree to Abide by All the Rules and Regulations of the Company.

I hereby certify, upon my honor, that the answers given by me to the foregoing questions and statements made are true and correct, without mental reservation of any kind whatsoever. It is understood and agreed that any misrepresentation made by me herein will constitute a fraudulent attempt to secure employment and will be sufficient cause for cancellation of the application and/or for separation from the company's service if I have been employed. I agree to submit to physical examination. I also authorize my former employers to give any information regarding my employment, together with any information they may have regarding me, whether or not it is on their records. I hereby release them and their company from any liability for any damage whatsoever for issuing same.

Witness Signature Date 11-30-44

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: July 12, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, w.a.s.,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

This is enclosed herewith five copies of report of Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN, Los Angeles, 7/12/45, along with a photograph of the Subject who has heretofore been considered a key figure in the Los Angeles Field Division.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES FILE NO. 61-374

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES	7/12/45	5/26,30; 6/2,6,9,16, 20,23,30; 7/4,7/45.	WILBUR S. NEWMAN WW

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM, w.a.s.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to reside at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California. Unemployed at the present time. Attends all meetings, classes and special functions of the Long Beach Club, CPA. Subject's 1945 book number 46376. Recruited 9 members in CPA in recent recruiting drive.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-18549.
Report of Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN, Los Angeles, 5/23/45.

DETAILS:

Source "A" advised that on May 16, 1945 the Subject who had been employed by them as a welder on this date due to Subject's inefficiency was discharged from their employ; to this Source's knowledge, Subject has not yet gone to work at any other company in the Long Beach area.

Source "B" furnished the information that Subject continues to reside at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California and in the latter part of May, 1945 Subject advised this source that he was laid off of his work at the Hodgson-Greene-Haldeman Shipyard in Long Beach, but expected to be called back to work at any time.

Source "B" further stated that the Subject who is Secretary of Education of the Long Beach Club, C.P.A. is one of the most active members of the Long Beach Club and is very well versed in the principals of Communism. As Secretary of Education, he sent out the following letter to members of the Long

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Beach Club who have shown possibilities as potential leaders in the C.P.A. Long Beach Club and in community affairs. This letter is as follows:

"Dear Member: "5/28/45"

"We feel that the most valuable contribution the club can make is education of the member. Through our organized investigation of political problems, the individual becomes equipped to solve, to classify and to read.

"Your Educational Committee has selected you to attend a ten weeks leadership class. The course will begin Friday, June 1st and will meet each Friday evening thereafter for ten weeks. The class will begin at 8 PM at 1551 Elm Street (one block east of American near 15th on Elm)."

"Fraternally yours,

"RAY DUREM, Secretary."

Source "B" advised that Subject has been in attendance at regular bimonthly meetings of the Long Beach Club, CPA on June 5, 19 and July 3, 1945. All of these meetings were held at 835 Locust Street, Masonic Temple Building, Long Beach, California. In addition to the above meetings the Subject was present at a dinner which was held at 835 Locust Street, Masonic Temple Building, Long Beach, California on June 24, 1945. This dinner was sponsored by the Long Beach Club, CPA and was held in order to raise money for the Daily PEOPLE'S WORLD Drive which is in progress at the present time. They secured $77.00 in subscriptions at this dinner and they also auctioned off some liquor which netted the club an additional $70.00. This Subject was also in attendance at leadership classes which have been held at the home of MALVINA and WILLIAM REYNOLDS, 1551 Elm Street, Long Beach, California, and both of these people are members of the Long Beach Club CPA, on June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1945.

Source "C" furnished the information that on Thursday night April 5, 1945 at a meeting of the C.P.A. members who are also members of Local 9, CIO, Shipworkers Union, held at Hungarian Hall at 4201 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, DELPHINE SMITH, Labor Secretary of the San Pedro Club, CPA acted as Chairman and called the meeting to order and then turned it over to GEORGE LOHR who is the Los Angeles County CPA functionary. Mr. LOHR talked on the Yalta Conference and of the coming San Francisco Conference. He also pointed out that the Communists carried plenty of weight in this union, and that they had to continue to do things such as lay the ground work for post war plans, see that adjustments of wages were brought about and various other problems. At this meeting LOHR furnished the information that ten new members from Local 9, CIO Shipyard Workers Union, had recently been recruited into the C.P.A.

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Source "D" furnished the information that Subject is now carried on the membership records of the Long Beach Club, CPA and the Subject's 1945 C.P.A. book number is 46376 and this book was issued to him on January 7, 1945. These records furnished the information that Subject resides at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach 6, California. His telephone number is 45451 and he was transferred from the San Pedro Club, CPA, transfer card #15339 on August 28, 1945. It further furnished the information that he is an electrician in the shipbuilding industry and pays $3.00 dues per quarter. Subject's name also appeared on the dues and attendance records which showed that his dues were paid up through April, 1945 and that he had attended two meetings in March, two meetings in April and one meeting in May, 1945. Subject's name also appears on the official mailing list of the Long Beach Clu b.

Source "B" further advised that Subject was successful in recruiting nine new members into the C.P.A. in the recent recruiting drive which recently ended. These new members which he was successful in recruiting are as follows:

WILLIAM J. HALPIN
ALEX YOUNG
ROSELLE YOUNG
RAY HARRIS
JESSIE MAZZACCA
ANTHONY MAZZACCA
SEYMOUR CHARLES GOHAN
FLORA GREENHOOT
ROBERT GREENHOOT

This same source advised that in February, 1945 when election of officers was held for 1945 for the Long Beach Club, CPA Subject was unanimously elected as Secretary of Education of the Long Beach Club and he received 47 votes for this office. This automatically made Subject a member of the Long Beach Club Executive Committee. It was also ascertained through Source "D" that in March, 1945 RUTH LANDIS, who is Assistant Executive Secretary of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, was attempting to organize a branch of this organization in Long Beach. Miss LANDIS advised CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ, President of the Long Beach Club, CPA., that Subject and his wife would be interested in working with this new committee in Long Beach and should be used whenever she possibly could use them. This same source also furnished the information that Subject had attended an Executive Committee of the Long Beach Club, CPA on February 27, 1945.

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On May 16, 1945 Source "E" was furnished the information by Confidential Source who was present at a conference on this date between MAX SILVER, Secretary and Treasurer of the Los Angeles County C.P.A. and JANE WALLACE, Educational Director of the Los Angeles County C.P.A. They were discussing the organizing and scheduling of various CPA schools and classes in Los Angeles County, and during the course of the information SILVER advised JANE WALLACE to contact Subject in Long Beach to see what plans they had made in the Long Beach Club.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION,

At Long Beach, California, will follow and report Subject's new employment in Long Beach and his Communist activities in that area.

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INFORMANT SHEET

~~C o n f i d e n t i a l~~

"A" FRANK W. BUTTNER,
1409 W. 7th Street,
Long Beach, California.

"B" CONF. INFT CNDI

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The above sources have been indicated as confidential for office security purposes.

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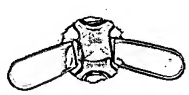
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Re: RAMEN DUREM, w.a.s.,
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SAC, Los Angeles

July 19, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RAMEN DUREM, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Los Angeles file 61-374

A review of the file at the Bureau discloses that the activities and the position of the subject in the Communist Political Association are probably not sufficient in extent or importance to justify the retention of his name on the Key Figure List in the Los Angeles Field Office in conformity with existing instructions as contained in SAC letter #40, Series 1945, dated April 18, 1945.

You are requested to review the facts carefully and give the Bureau the benefit of your opinion in this regard without delay.

It is believed that you should continue to maintain a Security Index Card relative to this individual.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: 9/4/45

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau file 100-18549)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 19, 1945, stating that the position of this subject in the CPA is not sufficient in extent or importance to justify the retention of his name on the key figure list of this office.

According to instructions contained in SAC letter #40, series 1945, dated April 18, 1945, it is believed that this subject's retention on the key figure list of this office is justified.

Subject continues as secretary of the Long Beach Club, CPA, and takes an active part in all meetings and functions of this club. In a recent recruiting drive of this club he recruited nine new members in the CPA. Subject is also very active in IUMSWA--CIO Local #9 and a number of his recent recruits in the party are members of this union.

Informants of this office have advised that subject spends a considerable amount of his spare time in work for the CPA.

In view of the above stated, it is suggested and it is believed justified that subject's name be retained on the key figure list of the Los Angeles Field Division.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 61-374

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES	9/19/45	7/14,18,21,28, 31;8/4,11,22, 27/45	WILBUR S. NEWMAN EFD

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
(4) RAMEN DUREM, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to reside at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California; unemployed. Continues activities in the Long Beach Club CPA. Subject recently elected as a delegate to the special State Convention, CPA, held in Los Angeles, California, in July 1945. At this convention subject presented resolution for the Long Beach Club which was branded as leftist and Trotskyite. Subject now being held to answer to these charges and there is a possibility he will be expelled from the Party in the near future.

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REFERENCES: Bureau file 100-18549.
Report of Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN, Los Angeles, California, dated July 12, 1945.

DETAILS:

Source A furnished information that subject continues to reside at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California, and that at the present time subject is unemployed. This source stated that he had been present at the following meetings of the Long Beach Club, CPA, all of which had been held at 835 Locust Street, Masonic Temple Building, Long Beach, California: July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 14 and 21, 1945. At the regular meeting held on July 3, 1945, subject was nominated as a delegate to the special State CPA Convention which was held in Los Angeles, California, on July 13 and 15 at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 West 24th Street, Los Angeles, California, and at the meeting of the Long Beach Club on July 10 subject was elected as one of twelve delegates to represent Long Beach Club at this Convention. This source further

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stated that at this convention the subject presented a resolution which was prepared by the Long Beach Club CPA to this convention, and after presenting this resolution the Los Angeles County officers had branded this resolution as being leftist and containing many Trotskyite statements and as a result of this he is being held for trial by the Party as to whether or not this would justify his expulsion from the Communist Party. This source further stated that approximately half of the members of the Long Beach Club are for him and approximately half of them approve of holding a ~~trial and expelling~~ him from the Party. The people that are for him feel that the subject is no more responsible for the resolution which was presented than the others who helped him draw up this resolution, such as, MARY BINLEY, Vice President of the Long Beach, Club; RUTH TEETER, Membership Director; and CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ, who is President. He further advised that if subject is expelled from the Party that a number of people who sympathize with him will also leave the Party.

At the meeting of the Long Beach Club held on July 17, subject advised the members that he was only allowed five minutes to present this resolution at the convention and he was only part way through it when he was forced to stop and if he had been permitted to finish he would have been cleared of any leftist ideas and would have made himself understood.

At the meeting on July 31, 1945, subject asked for the floor for a few minutes to defend himself and some of the other members of the club tried to keep him from talking but his wife, REBECCA DUREM, got up and stated, "This is a democratic meeting and the subject has as much privilege to be heard and I demand that he be given time now." Time was given for him to talk.

At the meeting of the Long Beach Club which was held on August 21, 1945, NED SPARKS, President of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, was at this meeting and went over the resolution which was presented by the subject for the Long Beach Club at the special State Convention paragraph by paragraph, showing the members that subject's thinking was leftist and that it contained Trotskyite theories throughout. At this same meeting a vote was taken as to whether a trial should be held to explain these charges and the first vote was a tie, 17 for and 17 against holding a trial, however, two people later changed their vote and it was finally decided to have a trial for subject and make him answer these charges and that a trial would be held in Los Angeles, California, at a later date when they can check into subject's background, activities and get all the information about his activities before transferring to Los Angeles County.

On July 10, 1945, a highly confidential source furnished the information to Source B and was present at a conference at the CPA headquarters, 124 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California, between MAX SILVER, Secretary and Treasurer of the Los Angeles County CPA, NED SPARKS, President of the Los Angeles County CPA, and FRANK KADISH, County Labor Director. During this conference they were discussing MARY BINLEY who was Vice President of the Long

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Beach Club CPA and in this discussion KADISH stated that MARY BINLEY is very unreliable and follows all proposals advanced by the subject.

On July 18, 1945, Source B was present when subject and MAX SILVER were in a conference. They were discussing the resolution which subject submitted for the Long Beach Club at the special state convention. During the course of their conversation subject advised that the membership is down on him in Long Beach and is trying to force him to resign and that the opposition is being lead by RUTH TEETER, Membership Director, and CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ, President of the Long Beach Club CPA, and further stated that these two had accused him of not trying to build up the club. Subject then stated that he was getting CLYDE DOYLE to run for Congress in the Harbor Area and that when he moved to Long Beach in 1944 there were only twenty-two people at the first meeting that he had attended but that in 1945 when they held the elections for club officers for this year that twenty-five people ran for the Executive Committee of the Long Beach Club.

On August 6, 1945, Source B was present when MARY BINLEY was discussing with MAX SILVER and GEORGE SANDY the expulsion of subject from the party. SILVER stated that MARY BINLEY should investigate just what is going on in the Long Beach Club and stated that there was no difference between a Trotskyite, a spy or a Fascist.

On July 19, 1945, Source C was present at the Walt Whitman Book Shop, 230 E. Broadway, a Communist owned book shop, when GEORGE SANDY, Field Secretary, Los Angeles CPA, was talking with JEANNE KATZ, who is treasurer of the Long Beach Club CPA. During this conference MRS. KATZ advised that subject wanted to resign his position as Secretary of the Long Beach Club because he did not feel that he could properly handle it inasmuch as he was very busy with his union activities at the present time.

This same source also furnished the information on July 26 when the same two people were discussing a recent meeting of the Long Beach Club and MRS. KATZ advised that the meeting had been very orderly and at this meeting the subject would not tell who had helped him draw up the resolution that he had submitted to the special state convention in Los Angeles, California on July 13 and July 15 for the Long Beach Club CPA which has been branded as leftist by the Communist office.

On July 31, 1945, Source C was furnished the information by a confidential source that JEANNE KATZ was discussing subject's case with JULIA SANDY who was acting County Membership Director of the Los Angeles County CPA. During the conversation MRS. KATZ stated that subject wanted charges brought against him immediately so that there would not be any gossip in the party. However, she stated that formal charges have not been made as yet. MRS. SANDY then advised that charges can be brought immediately but that a hearing cannot

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be held until later when his record outside of Los Angeles County must be checked, and she further stated that she felt that he was very smart in demanding a hearing right away because less evidence could be gathered if the trial were held immediately.

On August 1, 1945, Source C was present at the Walt Whitman Book Shop, Long Beach, California, when EMILY GORDON, County Educational Director, was discussing with JEANNE KATZ the matter of subject's expulsion from the party. MRS. KATZ advised that at a meeting of the Long Beach Club on a previous evening that they had voted to have someone from the Los Angeles County CPA office come down to the next meeting of the Long Beach Club and explain to the club and go over the resolution paragraph by paragraph that the subject had submitted at the special state convention. MRS. KATZ further asked that they not send GEORGE SANDY as she felt that it would be too personal between subject and SANDY and that bringing of charges against subject might have a bad effect on the Long Beach Club as the Long Beach Club at the present time is in a very bad mood; that the charges being brought against the subject are personal and the county office had been branded as enemies and that the attitude is resented by a number of members of the Long Beach Club. MRS. KATZ then stated that if the Trial Committee consisted of members of the Long Beach Club that they would exonerate him of all charges and EMILY GORDON then advised that it might be possible to get certain people on the committee who would find subject guilty of the charges which were being brought against him.

On August 4, 1945, Source C advised of and was again present at a conference between GEORGE SANDY and JEANNE KATZ of the Long Beach Club. MRS. KATZ advised SANDY that at the last meeting of the Long Beach Club that they had to have a trial for the subject and had to make the Executive Committee of the Long Beach Club the Trial Board and that the date is tentatively set for Sunday, August 26, 1945. MRS. KATZ further stated that subject had lived in New York two years ago with a friend of FRANCES MINOR and that she had written to this friend to find out subject's actions while he lived in New York State.

Source D furnished the information that subject was in attendance at the Southern Section of the special state convention for the CPA of California on July 13 and July 15 which was held at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 West 24th Street, Los Angeles, California, and at this convention subject took a very active part in it and had presented the resolution which had been drawn up by the Long Beach Club CPA. Subject was also nominated for the Reviewing Committee which was to review state and county leadership for the CPA and his name appeared on the ballot, however, he did not receive enough votes to be elected to this committee.

Source E stated that he saw subject at the special state convention, CPA, and at this convention he presented the resolution which was drawn up by the Long Beach Club CPA. During this convention, HARRY UTRECHT, who is a

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member of the Long Beach Club CPA nominated subject as a delegate to the National Convention. When UTRECHT nominated subject, GEORGE SANDY immediately took the floor and stated that subject was not fit to be considered as a delegate due to the resolution which he had just submitted to the convention and as a result of this subject's nomination was dropped.

Source F furnished the information on July 16, 1945 that he found a list of names of various members of various clubs in Los Angeles County and under the heading of the Long Beach Club CPA was the name of the subject as RAMON DUREN, 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California, telephone number Long Beach 45451.

Source G furnished the information that LOUISE TODD LAMBERT, when discussing the Long Beach Club CPA opposition to the resolution of the National Board and the seven votes that were cast against this resolution at the special State Convention held in Los Angeles in July 1945, stated that the Long Beach position stressed Socialism as a central point and that subject had organized the opposition to this resolution. LOUISE TODD LAMBERT indicated that there is some question as to whether or not the subject is maintaining correspondence with SAMUEL DARCY but indicated that there was no proof of this and that subject had raised the DARCY question in a very offensive way.

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U N D E V E L O P E D L E A D S

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Long Beach, California

Will follow and report subject's Communistic activities in this area.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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as set out in memo from San Francisco Field Office to Los Angeles dated July 24, 1945, maintained in file 100-1763-2274.

The above sources are used for office security purposes.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA FILE NO. 61-374

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	10/29/45	9/4,7,14,21,26; 10/4,9,12,19, 24/45	WILBUR S. NEWMAN CM

TITLE: RAMEN DUREM, with aliases: Raymon Durem, Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem, _____ Duren, _____ Duvem

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California, and is unemployed. Informants advise that a trial was recently held for subject in Long Beach, California, to determine whether or not to expel him from the Communist Party as a result of a resolution which he submitted to the Special State CPA Convention held in Los Angeles in July 1945. No action was taken against him. Subject continues to attend meetings of the Long Beach Club CP but holds no office and does not take active part in meetings. Informant doubts that subject will again be given any office in this club.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 100-18549.
Report of Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN, Los Angeles, California, September 10, 1945.

DETAILS:

Source A furnished the information that subject continues to reside at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California, with his wife, REBECCA, and one minor child.

Source B furnished the information that subject continues as a member of the Long Beach Club, Communist Party, although there has been considerable trouble in the Long Beach Club and in the Los Angeles County Communist

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Party offices which resulted from the resolution which was submitted by the subject at the Special State CPA Convention which was held in Los Angeles, California, on July 13 and July 15, 1945. This resolution which subject submitted was branded as leftist and Trotskyite by the County offices, and they demanded a trial for subject as to whether or not he should be expelled from the Party. Source B stated that this trial was held, but subject was not expelled from the Party due to the fact that he has a large following in the Long Beach Club CP, and it was further stated by this source that in the event the subject had been expelled from the Party, approximately one half of the club in Long Beach would have dropped their membership. It is believed by this source that subject was allowed to continue as a rank and file member of the Long Beach Club with the understanding that he hold no office or did not take an active part in the functioning of the Long Beach Club.

Source B stated that subject was present at a meeting of the Long Beach Club CP which was held at 16½ Pine Avenue, Room 24, Long Beach, California. At this meeting they elected a new delegate to take the place of subject to represent the Long Beach Club CP at the Los Angeles County Communist Party Convention which was held in Los Angeles in September 1945. This source further stated that subject was in attendance at meetings of the Long Beach Club CP on September 25, October 9 and October 23, 1945. All of these meetings were held at the Long Beach office, 16½ Pine Avenue, Room 24, Long Beach, California. On one of the above dates subject advised this source that he was still unemployed but planned to remain in Long Beach indefinitely. At these meetings subject did not take an active part in any of the meeting.

Source C furnished a letter which was signed by six members of the 55th A.D. Executive Committee, a club of which subject was formerly a member, which was addressed to CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ as president of the Long Beach Club CPA, in care of LUCIO FELETTA, furnishing what background information they had on the subject prior to his becoming active in the Long Beach Club CPA. The background information on the subject is set out as follows:

"July 28, 1945

"Charlotte Benowitz, President
Long Beach Club, C.P.A.

Dear Comrade:

"Nearly all the members of the executive committee of the 55th A.D. Club, now desolved, of which RAMEN DUREM was formerly a member, attended the State Convention in Los Angeles, Sunday July 15th, 1945. It seemed obvious to us that the members of your delegation had not previously been informed of the action taken against RAMEN by our club. It also seemed that the nature of the action was not fully clear to them even after MIRIAM BROOK's comments on this action. We

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"therefore, after discussing the matter, decided it was our duty to bring these facts to you and have obtained the names and addresses of each member of your executive Committee and of your delegation to the convention and are sending each of them a copy of this letter.

"We will try to give as complete a story of RAMEN and RAMEN's actions in our club to the best of our memories and what records we still have.

"RAMEN attended his first meeting in Los Angeles on or about September 8, 1943, with what was then the 58th A.D. Branch. It so happened that at that meeting the club was divided into two branches, one becoming the 55th A.D. club. Since there were many strangers in the new 55th A.D. club, it was difficult to elect a competent executive committee and RAMEN was asked if he would accept a position on the committee. Later we learned that HELEN ALLISON, then County Membership Director, had had a long discussion with him as soon as he arrived in the city and they agreed that he was not to accept any function in the club but would merely attend meetings until his transfer came through. However, on September 22, before his transfer came through, he was elected and accepted the position of Executive Secretary.

"Some of us were impressed with RAMEN's seeming energy and pleasing personality. One couple even made room for him in their home and helped move him in. Some were skeptical of him from the beginning. But all felt an undercurrent of bad feeling among the members on the executive committee. This was discussed in some executive meetings and it was almost invaribally traced to RAMEN. He even admitted his dislike for certain members and that he was out to see that they would not be reelected at the coming election. He was also constantly endeavoring to create bad feeling of our members against the County leaders, and trying to create the feeling that the county was some kind of competitive organization. However, some of us were still impressed by his seeming knowledge of Marxism and were duped into following his line.

"The comrades at whose house he lived gave him permission to use the house for several meetings of workers in the shop which he was helping to organize and extended him many privileges of which he took much unfair advantage.

"RAMEN invited to those meetings, MARTY HOURIHAN, then International Representative of the United Electrical Workers, whom he claimed as a close personal friend formany years and whose judgement he regarded highly. RAMEN's practice was to call him on the telephone each evening as soon as he returned home from work. It was shortly

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"after this that we read of MARTY HOURIHAN's expulsion from the C.P. in Connecticut for Trotskyism, some time previously.

"Around the first part of December, 1943, RAMEN secured a 6 month subscription to the People's World from a new member and received full payment for same. Although we had a very definite rule that all subs should be turned in through our drive manager, and although this comrade lived only a few blocks away, RAMEN claims he mailed the subscription himself directly to the P.W. Office. However, the P.W. office received neither the sub nor the money. RAMEN refused to take any personal responsibility for this but insisted that the club take the financial responsibility, which we finally had to do.

"Around Christmas time of 1943, RAMEN moved out of the comrades' house in the middle of the night without explanation or paying up his back room and board bill, which was for a period of about a month.

"He left no forwarding address whatsoever. He gave us no indication that he was leaving, and did not tell us where he planned to go. He attended no more meetings of his club. And most important of all, he made no arrangements with anyone to see that his work as executive secretary would be carried on. In other words, he completely deserted his post.

"The comrades tried every day to locate him to deliver messages from his wife, who was expected from New Mexico, also to find out what he planned to do about his position as executive secretary which he still held. It was finally learned where he was staying and the messages were left for him, but we never received an answer from him. We tried to telephone him a number of times and we wrote him letters asking him to appear at an executive committee meeting. We were in no way belligerent in our requests, but gave him every opportunity to explain his actions in a comradely fashion. We even sent him a registered letter so that we were sure he was getting it, and still he made no reply.

"We finally had to ask the County Membership Committee to intervene and call him in, which they did, and they made arrangements with him to meet with our executive committee, entirely at his convenience. We asked that a member of the County Membership Committee be present at this meeting and MIRIAM BROOKS was sent.

"This meeting took place some time in April, 1944. RAMEN took a very aloof attitude and his only explanation of why he had not contacted our executive committee was that he was busy helping to organize

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"his shop that that he 'didn't think it was important' that he contact our club. He refused to accept any criticism of his actions, but instead tried to turn the discussion into attacts against other members of our club.

"At this meeting at which RAMEN was present, it was decided that he should be 'severly censured', that he should not be transferred to any other club until his dues were paid up, and that he should not hold any office in any club for a period of at least one year from date of his transfer from our club. We asked that this report be written up by the membership department of the county and that the club he transfered to, be notified. Our records show that his dues for January, February, March, April and May were paid on May 24th, 1944, at which time he received his transfer from our club.

"Comradely,

(signed by six ex members of the
55th A.D. Executive Committee.)"

This letter is being retained in the 1-A section of this file.

Source D was present on September 4, 1945, when MAX SILVER, secretary and treasurer of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, was discussing with JANE WALLACE a number of things about the subject. SILVER stated that he knew that the subject was completely off base, and JANE WALLACE then stated that he is now being called a Trotskyite, and that she recently had attended a meeting of the Long Beach Club, and while in Long Beach she had advised CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ, who is president of the Long Beach Club, that she wanted to be relieved of further work with this club until the difficulty with the subject is completely ironed out. SILVER then advised that he would get in touch with CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ in the near future and have a talk with her.

Source E furnished the information that subject was in attendance at the last and final session of the second session of the State CPA Convention which was held in Los Angeles, California, on August 19, 1945, at 2200 West Seventh Street. Subject did not take an active part in this meeting.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SOURCE A: H. E. TURNER
Home Investment Company
410 Times Building
Long Beach, California

SOURCE B: Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted]

SOURCE C: Trash recovered from the room of LUCIO FELETTA, a member of the Executive Board of the Long Beach Club CPA, at 345 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California, by Mrs. W. LANCASTER.

SOURCE D: Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted]

SOURCE E: Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted]

These informants are designated as sources for office security purposes.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 29, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There are enclosed herewith five copies of the report of Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN dated October 29, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

A review of this file reveals that the retention of subject's name on the key figure list of this office is no longer justified due to the result of the recent trouble encountered by the subject when he submitted a resolution to the Special State CPA Convention which was held in Los Angeles, California, in July 1945. After submitting this resolution, subject was branded as a leftist and a Trotskyite, which resulted in his being questioned as to his sincerity in the Communist Party. However, no action was taken against him, but it is felt by informants that subject will never be allowed to take an active part in the functioning of the Long Beach Club in the future.

In view of the above, subject's name is being removed from the key figure list of the Los Angeles Field Division.

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EL PASO, TEXAS	6/10/46	5/2,15/46	FRANCIS FINLEY her

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMON DUREM, was Raymon Durem, Raymond Durem, Duren, Duvem	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject member of Communist Party, District #19 as of Nov., 1943, and was either dropped out or transferred to Los Angeles, Calif. REBECCA DUREM residing at same address as Subject in Las Vegas, N.M., was member of CP, District #19 having book #45842 in 1943. Was transferred to Los Angeles in 1944. Records of Post Office, Las Vegas, N.M., reflect Subject and REBECCA DUREM moved to 2172 Traner Court, San Pedro, Calif., Sept. 29, 1943.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent FRANKLIN E. WRIGHT, dated El Paso, Texas, 5/26/46.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM JOHN HURLEY, dated San Francisco, Calif., 11/15/43.

DETAILS:

Review of El Paso Field Office File 100-211 reflects that information was obtained by the Denver Field Division from a highly confidential source to the effect that RAYMOND DUREM or RAYMOND DUREN of 1005 Second Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was a member of the Communist Party, District #19, as of November, 1943, when he was either dropped out or transferred with the destination indicated as Los Angeles, California. This same confidential source indicated that REBECCA DUREM or REBECCA DUREN of 415 Morena, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was a member of the Communist Party, District #19, having book #45842 in 1943. This individual is also listed as a transfer to Los Angeles in February, 1944.

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J. HARVEY BROWN, Superintendent of Mails, Las Vegas, New Mexico, advised that records of the Post Office reflected that RAMON DUREM and REBECCA DUREM resided at 1005 Second Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, in 1942 and early 1943, and that they moved to 415 Morena Street in the early part of 1943. On September 29, 1943, according to the records they both moved to 2172 Traner Court, San Pedro, California. The Post Office has no record of them since that time. BROWN believed the subject and REBECCA DUREM were husband and wife.

EDWARD EYRING, President of the Highlands University, JOHN SAMPSON, student at the University and member of the Fire Department of the City, Mrs. W. R. PUQUETTE, of the Business Men's Credit Bureau, and MATT O'BRIEN, Chief of Police of Las Vegas, were contacted for additional information concerning Subject and REBECCA DUREM, with negative results.

For the information of the Los Angeles Field Division, referenced report of the El Paso Field Division reflects that Subject was connected with some highly scientific work in Los Angeles.

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Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles Field Division for their information since Subject went to San Pedro from Las Vegas, New Mexico.

One copy of this report is being sent to Denver since some of the information contained herein was secured by that office.

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October 29, 1948

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SAC,

Los Angeles

RE:

RANJEN DUREM, WAS.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Your file 61-374

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent ~~Wilbur S. Newman~~ dated ~~10-29-45~~ at ~~Los Angeles~~.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such a threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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DIRECTOR, FBI

RAMEN DUREM, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Your file: 61-374)

Reference is made to the report of SA Merle R. Adams, dated July 26, 1949, at Los Angeles, California.

Referenced report reflects that Durem, a member of the Communist Party for 17 years and a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was expelled from the CP in June, 1946, for a Trotskyite attitude.

In view of the above information Durem has been tabbed at the Bureau under the Detcom Program and you are instructed to similarly tab subject in your office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE No. 61-374

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES	7/26/49	2/9, 10,14,23;3/14; 4/28/49	MERLE R. ADAMS CSC

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM; was.	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

RAMEN DUREM resides at 932 Lucille Ave., Los Angeles. He is self-employed part-time as a magazine salesman. He studied radar in the U.S. Navy and electronics in college. He is veteran of Abraham Lincoln Brigade. In 1943 he had Communist Party Book #68150. In 1945, Communist Political Assoc. Book #89539, and in 1946, Communist Party Book #36737. He was active in recruiting and as Educational Director, Long Beach Communist Club. He has been a Communist for 17 yrs. In June, 1946, DUREM was expelled by Communist Party for Trotskyite and revisionism attitude. He then became leader of organization known as "The True Communist Party". He is also active in the Los Angeles Committee for Correspondence, which consists of a group of Communists who were expelled from Communist Party, U.S.A. on charge of leftism. In Jan. 1948, DUREM was trying to re-affiliate with Communist Party, saying he made mistake.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-18549
Report of SA WILBUR S. NEWMAN, 10/29/45, Los Angeles

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

ADDRESS 932 Lucille Avenue, Los Angeles, California, verified by telephone pretext call to NOrmandy 16539, February 14, 1949.

EMPLOYMENT Self-employed part-time as magazine salesman. By the pretext call to subject's residence the following information was secured from

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him: He resides at 932 Lucille Avenue, Los Angeles, with his wife, REBECCA, and two small children. His wife is part-time employed doing nursing working in various homes. He has recently been selling magazine subscriptions and has been searching for steady employment. He stated that he studied radar while in the Navy and also has had three years university training in electronics. Subject advised that he needed a part-time job so that he can study television at home with hopes of eventually opening a radio and television shop.

ACTIVITIES T-8, who is believed reliable, under date of February 1, 1941, set forth information listing the names and passport numbers of veterans fighting in the Spanish Civil War. This list of names was originally made available in 1939. Among the list appeared the name of RAMON DUREM, New York City, 1738 Miria Street, Berkeley, California age 23, Passport Number 35803 Series, issued San Francisco, March 20, 1937.

Los Angeles T-1, on September 2, 1943, advised of a photostatic copy of a card bearing Book No. 68150 with the name RAMEN DUREM and address 1326 Arapohoe. This card indicated that DUREM was transferred from Las Vegas, New Mexico, and reported to the Los Angeles area September 1, 1943. It also stated that DUREM is a Spanish Veteran and one of the Yorty Trial people from Stockton, California.

Los Angeles T-2 furnished a typewritten note dated October 10, 1943, which he described as a transfer request for the subject. This note is quoted as follows:

> "To Denver from Los Angeles. Several weeks ago we wrote you regarding RAMEN DUREM, formerly of Las Vegas, N. M. He reported here without a transfer and said that DOROTHY, Membership Secretary of Denver, knew him. Please advise immediately if oke to accept."

Written in the upper left-hand corner of the note in ink was the following notation: "Oke to accept him. DOROTHY RASKIN."

Los Angeles T-3, on April 19, 1945, furnished the Los Angeles Office with a photostatic copy of application for membership in the Communist Political Association. This card bore #383-89539 and revealed that RAMEN DUREM, of the Long Beach Club, was sponsored by RAY HARRIS of 3249 Oregon, Long Beach, and that this HARRIS was assigned to the Long Beach Club.

On May 23, 1945, Los Angeles T-3 further advised that RAY DUREM recruited the following individuals into the Communist Party: WILLIAM HALPIN, ALEX YOUNG, ROSELLE YOUNG, RAY HARRIS, JESSIE MAZZOCCA, ANTHONY MAZZOCCA, SEYMOUR CHARLES COHAN, FLORA GREENHOOT and ROBERT GREENHOOT, all of Long Beach, California. A recruiting report reveals

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that RAMEN DUREM recruited two individuals at Local No. 9 (Shipyard Workers Union), three at U. S. Naval Dry Docks, three housewives and one registered nurse.

Los Angeles T-3 reliably advised on June 8, 1946, that Communist Card No. 36737 was issued to RAMEN DUREM and No. 36738 to his wife, REBECCA DUREM. These cards were dated November 8, 1945, and was the Communist Party registration for the year 1946. Communist Party Card No. 46376 for 1945 revealed the following information, of which a photostatic copy is available: Name, RAMON DUREM, 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach 6, California, telephone number 454-51, transferred August 28, 1945, from San Pedro with Number 15339. This card further revealed that RAMEN DUREM was self-employed as a salesman, a member of a CIO Union and a subscriber to the Daily Peoples World and the Daily Worker. He further paid $3.00 dues for the first quarter of 1945 and in 1945 his length of membership in the Communist Party was listed as 13 years. This card reflected that DUREM was a Spanish Veteren.

Los Angeles T-3 also advised of a type-written letter, entitled "Answers to Questions Re The RAY DUREM Case". The letter was signed by HENRY UTRECHT, member of the Long Beach Club and criticizes RAY DUREM's revisionism and Trotskyite attitude and of his circularizing a report that had been previously rejected by the Communist Convention and the branch.

Los Angeles T-4 advised on July 16, 1945, of a list of names appearing on a Communist Party record sheet. On the type-written list of names appeared that of RAMON DUREM, 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach 6, telephone 454-51. After his name was a figure 4,000, which possibly refers to leaflets issued to him for distribution. On May 17, 1946, at Communist Party Headquarters was a note addressed to NEMMY SPARKS (Chairman of the Los Angeles County Communist Party). The note is quoted as follows: "What about informing Spanish Veterans of the expulsion of DUREM?" The note was signed with the initial "E".

Los Angeles T-4 advised also that there was a mimeographed leaflet bearing the letterhead Los Angeles County Communist Party, 124 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 14, telephone TRinity 7913. This leaflet was dated June 14, 1946, and was addressed to all Section Organizers and signed by the County Disciplinary Commission. The leaflet is quoted as follows:

> "This is to inform you that RAMEN DUREM, formerly of the Long Beach Club, has been expelled from the Communist Party as an undesirable and untrustworthy element and as a carrier of enemy ideology within the ranks of the Party."

Los Angeles T-5 advised that on July 15, 1945, and August 15 and 19, 1945, that RAMEN DUREM was present at the 1945 California State Convention of the Communist Political Association.

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Los Angeles T-6 advised that in February, 1945, RAMEN DUREN was Secretary of Education of the Long Beach Communist Political Association, and on March 21, 1945 and April 13, 1945, and April 17, 1945, subject attended Communist Political Association meetings at the Masonic Temple Building, 835 Locust Street, Long Beach, California. T-5 further advised that on May 28, 1947, the Executive Committee of the Communist Party of the Higgins Club met at the home of LOU ZUCKOR. At this meeting attention was directed to the necessity to be on the alert for a new organization being formed, which is known as "The True Communist Party". RAY DUREM was named as leader of this new organization.

On June 4, 1947, at a regular Communist Party meeting held at Communist Party Headquarters, 16½ Pine Avenue, Long Beach, it was brought out that in RAY DUREM's former position as Educational Director, he was making headway in drawing Communist Party members into his new organization. Further, that since his expulsion as a Trotskyite, he was still recruiting and disrupting the Long Beach Communist Party set up.

Los Angeles T-6 advised Special Agent WILBUR S. NEWMAN of the following Communist meetings attended by the subject:

Date	Location	Nature of the Meeting
5/15/45	Masonic Temple 835 Locust Avenue Long Beach, California	Regular Communist Political Association meeting wherein RAMEN DUREM discussed the San Francisco Conference for International Organization.
6/5/45	"	Regular Communist Political Association meeting where a report on recruiting was given.
6/8/45	Home of William and Malvina Reynolds, Long Beach, California	This was a leadership class consisting of the study of basic Marxist theories.
6/24/45	Masonic Temple Long Beach, California	Regular Communist Political Association meeting wherein there was a discussion of the Daily Peoples World subscription drive.
7/3/45	"	Regular Communist Political Association meeting where a report was given on the financial drive.
7/10/45	"	Regular Communist Political Association meeting wherein there was a discussion of changing the name of the Communist Political Association back to the Communist Party.

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Date	Location	Nature of the Meeting
7/17/45	Masonic Temple Long Beach, California	This was a Communist Political Association meeting wherein a report of the County and State Convention was given. It was stated that the Long Beach Delegation ran into considerable trouble due to RAMEN DUREM's resolution that he had drawn up objecting to the main line of the Communist Political Association and which was to be presented to the National Convention. It was stated that DUREM's views were leftist and not in line with the Marx and Lenin theories. HENRY UTRECHT had nominated DUREM as one of the delegates to be sent to the National Convention in New York City; however, this was objected to by another member because DUREM had turned to the "left". Further DUREM stated at this meeting that if he could have furnished his report, he would have entirely cleared himself and definitely would have been understood.
8/2/45	Masonic Temple Long Beach, California	This was a by-monthly meeting of the Communist Political Association, Long Beach Club. RAY DUREM talked on certain clauses of the resolution which had been presented to the special State Convention. He attempted to point out that the statements were not "leftist" and "Trotskyite" and that many statements came from books and pamphlets which were put out by the Communist Political Association. After DUREM got though talking, a vote was taken whether or not to drop the charges against DUREM. The voting ended in a tie. At the second vote DUREM was voted to be held for trial at a later date.
8/21/45	Communist Party Headquarters 16½ Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California	Regular Communist Political Association meeting.
10/4/45	"	Regular Communist Political Association meeting wherein there was a report of the Press, Educational and Leaflet Committee.

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Los Angeles T-7 advised Special Agent JACK S. KEMPTON of a conference that was held with LORETTA STARVUS, the State Organizational Secretary, in August, 1946. At this conference detailed attention was given to the whole matter of persons suspected of being enemies of the Party operating in the Section. STARVUS stated that a well-organized state-wide aparatus had been built by dissident elements within the Party. In the Los Angeles Harbor Area STARVUS named RAY DUREM, recently expelled and who is preparing to make public his information gained while operating with the Party.

Los Angeles T-7 advised Special Agent JACK S. KEMPTON of a leaflet gotten out by the Los Angeles Committee for Correspondence. This leaflet, not bearing any date, stated that the Committee for Correspondence was a group of Communists who either were expelled from the Communist Party U.S.A. on charges of "leftism" or resigned in protest against its policies which they characterized as right-wing opportunitists, revisionists or social democrats. This leaflet carried an unedited copy of a report made by RAMEN DUREM at the first Southern California Convention of the Communist Political Association convening to consider the Duclose Letter and the resolutions of the National Committee. It was stated that the report was made the basis of a slanderous attack against DUREM by the Leadership of the Communist Political Association and that when his branch voted against trying him on charges of "Trotskyism" DUREM was expelled without trial. It was stated that RAY DUREM's devotion to the working class has been proven through long hours of struggle and that he has organized for the Young Communist League; that he has been in the unemployed councils for the agricultural workers and that he was wounded in Spain. The leaflet then went on to discuss the position that the Committee for Correspondence took concerning the alleged leftist and Trotskyite accusations.

On January 16, 1948, Los Angeles T-6 advised Special Agent AMBROSE K. LAW that a meeting of the Higgins Club was held January 14, 1948. RUTH UTRECHT, the Organizational Secretary of the Harbor Section, Communist Party, stated that RAY DUREM and a group of people who had gathered about him after his expulsion from the Party, wanted to get back into the Communist Party. UTRECHT stated that someone had recently seen DUREM, at which time he stated that he knew now that he had made a mistake and that the Party also made a mistake and that he, for one, was willing to forgive and forget and wished to reaffiliate with the Communist Party.

FURTHER BACK-GROUND INFORMATION

By letter dated May 7, 1947, the New York Office advised that a check of the Selective Service file of the subject at Local Board 87, 501 East 161st Street, Bronx, New York, revealed that subject used the name RAYMON DUREM and that he registered for Selective Service on October 16, 1940, at which time he was assigned Order Number 1154, Serial Number 3454. On March 31, 1943, subject executed Registrant's Affadavit of Family Status and Dependents, which reflected that the subject was born January 30, 1912, at Seattle, Washington,

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and married REBECCA SCHULMAN, at Madrid, Spain, on December 5, 1938. A daughter, DELORES DUREM, was born to them on September 10, 1938. His wife, REBECCA, was listed as the person who would always know his address. At the time he executed the above-named affadavit he was residing at 1005 Second Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, and was employed as junior radio repairman - trainee, by the U. S. Army Signal Corps. His wife, REBECCA, was employed as a Public Health Nurse by San Miguel County Health Department, City and State not indicated. Subject's wife's relatives were listed as SOL SCHULMAN, father, 230 167th Street, Bronx, New York; BESSIE SCHULMAN, mother, same address; ZOL SCHULMAN, brother, same address. Subject stated his wife, REBECCA, was formerly employed at St. Anythony's Hospital, Las Vegas, New Mexico, in the capacity of operating nurse. Her Social Security Number is 550-22-2171.

The Selective Service Questionnaire, executed January 24, 1941, revealed that subject completed nine years elementary school, one year of high school and two years general study at the University of California (1934-37). Subject's employment was indicated as leadman, radio assembler, Gilfillan Brothers, Inc., 1815 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, California (war manufacturers of radar electrical equipment). The subject began duty with this company on September 1, 1943, and had Badge No. 12402 and Social Security Number 546-20-2404. The Selective Service file reflected that he was also employed by the U. S. Naval Dry Docks, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. In a Selective Service Questionnaire executed January 24, 1941, subject claimed enlistment in the U. S. Navy at Portland, Oregon, on December 10, 1930, and separation at Mare Island, California, on July 24, 1931, after medical survey. Subject's Selective Service file contained a communication from Commandant, U. S. Navy Yards, Mare Island, dated June 25, 1931, which stated that RAYMEN DUREM, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy Serial Number 393-00-82, was injured while on duty aboard the U.S.S. West Virginia, October 16, 1930. This injury was indicated as a crushed left foot sustained by a falling hatch cover. An operation performed on his left foot resulted in a scar over medial surface on left foot and arch being moderately depressed. A physical description of the subject, as obtained from his Selective Service file at Local Board 87, is as follows:

Name	RAYMON DUREN
Born	1/30/12, Seattle, Washington
Race	White
Eyes	Blue (wears glasses) (myopia)
Hair	Brown
Marital status	Married, wife REBECCA DUREM
Daught	DELORES (age 3 years - 1941)
Scars and marks	Scar over medial surface of left foot.
Employment	Social worker - investigator; power press operator; radio repairman; electrician.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 25, 1949

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
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------ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

---X--- The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME RAMEN DUREM

ALIASES

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST ____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH January 30, 1912 PLACE OF BIRTH _____

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director,

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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DISTRICT # 13; Los Angeles
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Information has recently been received from CNDI [redacted] concerning weekly meetings of a group of some twenty or thiety expelled Communist Party members, the majority of whom, according to CDNI [redacted], are Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and the possible affiliation of this group with a headquarters near Mexico City, Mexico, in Cuernavaca, Mexico. CNDI [redacted] on December 6, 1949, advised Special Agent LAWRENCE E. WAY that these meetings have been in progress for a little more than a year and that he did not attach any significance to this group as an organization of expelled Communist Party members until one of the group indicated that there was a possible affiliation with a Headquarters in the Mexico City Area.

MEMBERS

From a personal knowledge of the following individuals and from pictures of expelled Communist Party members, CNDI [redacted] advised Special Agent WAY that the following attended meetings of this group sometime during the past year. The informant advised that he was unable to advise of the exact date that the following attended inasmuch as these meetings have taken place over an extended period of time.

BENJAMIN GOLDSTEIN, according to the informant is the leader of the group, and some time in September or October, 1949 returned from a short visit to the Mexico City Area, Goldstein is the subject of Bureau File 100-226707. In the report of Special Agent W. NATHAN PROVINSE, dated December 17,1948 at Los Angeles in the case entitled, "BENJAMINGOLDSTEIN, WAS., SECURITY MATTER-C", it is pointed out that GOLDSTEIN in 1946 was elected a member of the National Board of Directors of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and that in January, 1947 GOLDSTEIN was expelled from the Los Angeles County Communist Party as a left factionalist.

GEORGE HAGGERTY, a close associate of GOLDSTEIN,and according to the records of LDB 218, Los Angeles, California, as checked by Special Agent HAROLD F. TRAPP on August 24, 1944, a former member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, is the subject of Bureau File 100-24533, and is an expelled Communist Party member.

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New York
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cc- 100-25901 (T. SCHNEIDER)
100-23797 (MOLLY ZEAUIN)
100-22467 (ALBERT LEUIS)
100-23392 (LILI STOIMEN)

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RAMEN DUBEN, Bureau File 100-18549, is another Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and an expelled Communist Party member, as reflected in the report of Special Agent MERLE R. ADAMS, dated July 26, 1949, Los Angeles, entitled "RAMEN DUBEN, was., SECURITY MATTER - C."

THEODORE SEMPE SCHNEIDER. Informant concerning SCHNEIDER is set forth in the report of Special Agent JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR., dated November 30, 1949, Los Angeles, entitled "THEODORE SEMPE SCHNEIDER, INTERNAL SECURITY - R." This report reflects that SCHNEIDER, a Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was reported to be a member of the Los Angeles County Communist Party by CNDI [redacted] in the Spring of 1947, but that since that date no information identifiable with SCHNEIDER has been reported to this office.

MRS. CHARLES HENRY ZEAVIN, Bureau File 100-106778. In December, 1946, the residence of this individual was verified as Santurce, P.R. Since that date the only reported information identifiable with MOLLY ZEAVINS has been that furnished by CNDI [redacted] on May 17, 1947, indicating that ZEAVINS had been dropped from the Bob White Club of the Los Angeles County Communist Party in November, 1946. On December 27, 1949 the residence of MOLLY ZEAVIN at 932 N. Lucille Avenue, Los Angeles, was telephonically contacted, at which time the residence of MOLLY ZEAVIN was verified in Los Angeles, California.

ALBERT JORGENSON LEWIS, Bureau File 100-331602. This individual and his wife, SOPHIE SINGER, who was also identified as a member of this group, are believed to be residing in France, where LEWIS is a student under the "G.I." Bill. CNDI [redacted] advised in 1947 that SOPHIE SINGER had been expelled from the Communist Party in 1947 for what the Communist Party termed left wing views which followed the policies of the Trotskyites. CNDI [redacted] advised in March, 1947 that LEWIS has been expelled from the Communist Party for Trotskyite tendencies.

MRS. LINI STOUMEN. This individual, who recently returned to Los Angeles from Cleveland, Ohio, was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation, Bureau File 101-4782. The Bureau has been advised separately regarding the activities of this individual in Los Angeles with the above group and her departure from this area to work in a headquarters in the Mexico City Area.

SYD FINKELSTEIN, 932 Lucille Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The only information available to this office regarding this individual is that she is residing at the residence of RAY DUBEN, and that it is the same residence where LINI STOUMEN resided while recently in Los Angeles. In addition, it has been ascertained that SYD FINKELSTEIN, a women, is drawing unemployment compensation from the State of New York, as reflected in the following paragraphs:

HEADQUARTERS IN MEXICO

On December 6, 1949, CNDI [redacted] advised Special Agent WAY that GEORGE HAGGERTY had advised him that date that LINI STOUMEN, a former nurse with the

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Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was leaving sometime in December, 1949 to contact a Countess TAHUMA (pho) whom HAGGERTY said lived on the outskirts of Mexico City. HAGGERTY also said that Mrs. STOUMEN would live there with Countess TAHUMA and that they would use this place as an advance operating base in case of trouble in the United States.

On December 17, 1949, CNDI [redacted] advised Special Agent HIGGINS that LINI STOUMEN had left for Mexico City during the week of December 11, 1949 and that she had driven her own car.

On December 20, 1949, CNDI [redacted] advised Special Agents WAY and HIGGINS that SYD FINKELSTEIN had contacted him to cash a New York State Unemployment check made out to SYD FINKELSTEIN, 932 Lucille, Los Angeles, California. On this occasion, FINKELSTEIN inadvertently left several pages of notes which the informant was able to observe for a short period of time before FINKELSTEIN returned for the papers. She was very concerned and upset because she had left the papers with the informant.

These papers concerned LINI STOUMEN, her educational and employment background and were to be forwarded to the below address:

LINI de UNILR
c/o CONSTANCIA de MOVA
42 Galeno
Acapan Tzuyo
Cuernvaca

CNDI [redacted] advised that the address was in longhand and that due to the short time that he had, he was unable to re-check the address and may have possibly misspelled some words in his haste, particularly the spelling of the addressee.

It is suggested that investigation be conducted in Mexico to verify that LINI STOUMEN is residing at the above address and that the nature of the headquarters located at this address be ascertained. Inasmuch as the Cleveland Office is the Office of Origin in the Security Matter-C case in which LINI STOUMEN is the subject, the Bureau is requested to advise that office as well as Los Angeles of the results of this investigation.

The New York Office is requested to furnish Los Angeles with any available information regarding SYD FINKELSTEIN in the event that information appearing on the State of New York Unemployment Check will make an identification possible. This check was from the Benefit Account of the State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance-Unemployment Insurance Fund and was Check No. 30831697. The check was payable to SYD FINKELSTEIN, 932 Lucille Avenue, Los Angeles, 26 California and preceding the name of SYD FINKELSTEIN there were the following:
093-16-2642
OGR
The check, dated December 15, 1949, was in the amount of $19.00.

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(10-19-49)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 2, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File 100-18549)

Cleared HTD
6-13-50 PM

____ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

__X__ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Sole owner, Easy Way Distribution, from residence - sells in area between Los Angeles, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

JJH:KS
61-374

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 61-374

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES	6-7-50	2/21;4/6,10,12, 17,18;5/4,5,24,29, 31/50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. MWR

TITLE
RAMEN DUREM, Was.

CHARACTER OF CASE
Internal Security-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DUREM resides 932 N. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif., and is owner of Easy Way Distribution Company, engaged in selling household products from his residence in the Southern California area. DUREM has been identified by T-1 as the leader of a group of individuals, composed of Abraham Lincoln Brigade Veterans and expelled Communist Party members. DUREM has advised T-1 that the ultimate purpose of this group is sabotage against the United States and in event of war with Russia to minimize the loss of life to the Russian soldiers. DUREM stated "to sabotage would save the lives of Russian soldiers and keep the death roll to a minimum".

Posted 6-28-50 ME

1 CC - G2
1-FC ON
1 - CC Legal Attache Mexico

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DETAILS:

PERSONAL HISTORY

RESIDENCE

T-1, of known reliability, advised that DUREM resides at 932 No. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

EMPLOYMENT

T-2, of known reliability, advised that DUREM is the owner of Easy Way Distribution and that he operates this business from his residence at 932 No. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. B. Hood SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DISCLOSURE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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cc to OSI 6-28-50 Pat Finch
cc to ONI 6-28-50 LDD/ME

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T-1 advised that DUREM is engaged in the sale of household products, and that his sales area is the locale between Los Angeles, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada. T-1 advised that DUREM does not attempt any sales in the metropolitan Los Angeles area but restricts his sales efforts to those localities where national defense installations and Armed Forces bases are operating. According to T-1 these include Muroc, Inyokern, Bishop and the Apple Valley, California, area as well as the area near Las Vegas, Nevada.

ACTIVITIES

T-1 advised in December 1949 that a group of men and women, some veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and expelled Communist Party members, were regularly meeting in the Los Angeles area. T-1 added that from conversations with various members of the group and his knowledge of the members, RAMEN DUREM is recognized as the leader of this group. T-1 has also advised that to his knowledge this group does not have regularly elected officers and that the membership is not on a formal card basis.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the Communist Party, U.S.A. have been declared to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

In January 1950 during a discussion of the current political situation between DUREM and T-1, DUREM referring to the 1945 Communist Party Convention in Los Angeles, California, which resulted in his expulsion from the Communist Party, stated:

> "You remember at the Convention you didn't stand up to fight for me or fight with me, but you can see now the party is starting to split up. The top leadership will be in jail and we have to have another force to carry on. We are looking for people in our organization that will do this fighting. The party will be outlawed within three years and will have to be taken over. We are looking for men who've got plenty of guts that can sabotage the U. S. Government and in the event of war we want to try to minimize

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the loss of life to Russian soldiers; to sabotage would save the lives of Russian soldiers and keep the death roll to a minimum."

RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

Relative to the recruitment of new members into this group, DUREM stated to T-1 that no Communist Party member expelled or in good standing would be considered for membership or potential sabotage inasmuch as their views would preclude their being useful to the group as saboteurs as their feelings for Russia would be known. DUREM placed special emphasis on the desirability of recruitment from the Negro race.

PROPOSED METHOD OF OPERATION

T-1 advised that DUREM did not volunteer any information as to the locale, industries, or public utilities that DUREM considered essential to sabotage, but that he did desire the names of business men who would be sympathetic to the Russian cause and who would allow their place of business to be used as a cover for the operation of DUREM's group.

PROPOSED PUBLICATION

DUREM advised T-1 that he was desirous of obtaining the services of a printer who could be trusted to work for him knowing that the consequences of such an arrangement would necessitate working "underground" when the proper time came.

SOURCE OF FINANCES

T-1 was advised by DUREM that present and expelled members of the Communist Party could assist the cause of his group by the contribution of funds for their organization and work.

"COMINTERN" CONTACTS

T-1 stated that DUREM had advised him that he had a "direct contact with the Comintern". T-1 advised that DUREM did not elaborate on alleged contact nor did he mention as to the method in which the contact was made or was to be made.

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MISCELLANEOUS

In a discussion with T-2 of the reaction of people with whom he comes in contact, DUREM advised that most of the individuals that he contacts on his selling trips outside of the Los Angeles area are for the most part white Americans. DUREM stated that there is no revolutionary feeling among the white Americans, and that the main reason for the downfall of the Communist Party in the United States is that the party has lost contact with the working class and the trade union men. DUREM stated that the Negro and other minorities such as the Slavs are sufficiently revolutionized so that it is not necessary to concern oneself with them.

DUREM also advised T-2 that it is his opinion that the Communist Party today is full of police spies on the level of leadership. This was evident to DUREM at the 1945 convention which resulted in his expulsion from the party. DUREM stated that there must have been police agents there, as his experience shows that even at a meeting where there are many Rightists, when a person from the Left speaks or advocates a particular movement they do not jump on him without giving the matter a little thought. At the convention that resulted in his expulsion DUREM stated that these alleged police spies within half an hour, worked his expulsion from the Communist Party.

MEETINGS

T-2 advised that DUREM has for the most part in the past six months been away from the Los Angeles area selling his household products and as a result has attended very few meetings of the group which he heads. According to T-1 DUREM has attended the following meetings on the below listed dated at the indicated residences:

January 1, 1950 - 707 No. Dillon Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
January 21, 1950- 932 No. Lucile, Los Angeles, Calif.
March 26, 1950 - 932 No. Lucile, Los Angeles, Calif.

DESCRIPTION

A physical description of the subject as obtained from T-1, T-2 and from the subject's Selective Service File at Local Draft Board #87, Bronx, New York, is as follows:

Name: KAMEN DUREM, Was. Raymon Durem, Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem-Duren-Duven.

Raymond Raymond

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Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	1-30-12, Seattle, Washington
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	138 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue (wears glasses)
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Build:	Medium
Scars & Marks:	Gun shot wound left knee; fracture scar left foot.
Social Security No.	546-20-2404
FBI No.:	2070740
NSN:	398-00-82
Wife:	REBECCA DUREM, nee Schulman MRS. RAMEY DUREM
(Daughter:	DELORES DUREM)
(Born:	9-10-38)
Occupations:	Social work--investigator, power press operator, radio repairman, electrician, salesman.
Present occupation:	Salesman, Easy Way Distributors, (self owned from residence)
Residence:	932 No. Lucile, Los Angeles, Calif.

Photograph available Los Angeles and Bureau
Handwriting available Los Angeles and Bureau

PENDING*

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Information regarding DUREM and the group which he heads has previously been reported to the Bureau under the title "Factionalist Sabotage Group, Internal Security-C", Bureau file 100-3-88.

The activities of this group to April 1950 are included in the writer's report dated April 3, 1950.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Employment

On May 3, 1950 NANCY SCOTT furnished T-2 letters written by RAMEN DUREM which were mailed by T-2. NANCY SCOTT has been identified by T-1 as a member of the group headed by DUREM, and according to T-1 resides at the home of DUREM, 932 No. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California. SCOTT, according to T-3 of known reliability, was expelled from the Communist Party in 1947 in Los Angeles, California, as a Left Factionalist.

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Photographic copies of the letters furnished T-2 by SCOTT were obtained and are set up below:

The first letter was addressed to Mr. SOL SCHULMAN, G. E. Metal Products, 55 Great Jones Street, New York, N.Y., and bore the return of R. DUREM, 932 Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The contents of this letter were as follows:

"Dear Dad:

"Since I wrote you last, I have been all over Southern California and I am learning quite a bit about this sales business.

"You asked once why I didn't sell in Los Angeles? I think I can tell you that sales in the bigger cities are about one-third of what they are in outlying communities so one is forced to travel in order to make a living. The big problem is to find war-production communities where employment is high and in such places selling is still relatively good. Of course, here we run into various

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prohibitions, licenses, and so forth. One thing that would help me is an order book of some kind with GE Metal Products, New York, stamped on it. So if you have a rubber stamp, stamp a few pocket order books and send them to me. Very often the police will ask to see the order book in order to make sure that it is interstate commerce. All it has to have is the name and address showing that the company is in New York.

"One trouble I am having with the waxer sticks is that the nuts and bolts and clamps disappear. You sent me some extra ones but they were not enough and in future waxer orders leave off the clamps and I will put them on as I sell them. You asked about the valves. There really is nothing wrong with these valves and we break very few of them. I only needed the extra ones because I still had waxers from the old days when the valves were defective. The only trouble we have with these valves is that they get rusty very easily.

"Now about the printing. As far as the circular is concerned, we do not heed them very often, only when we make a sale, so for the present, I would hold down the order to as low an amount as you can order profitably. The waxer label, which is more important to me, also you can hold down to a few thousand and I wish you could print G E's address on about half of them, so we can comply with interstate commerce. Now, if printing costs are quite high, cancel the whole idea of the circular and just give me the waxer labels and the business cards.

"Please send me some xtra clamps, nuts a bolts now.

"I am not sure of this but it seems more important that the customer who is using our merchandise have our address than just to have circulars generally. Have you ever thought of changing the die on the wringer so that your address is on it? I think that over a period of years you would have sold thousands more of them if the customer's neighbor could have written you. Of course, you don't like to be bothered with individual orders but you could send the orders to me. Also, I think that you should have the address on the mop head. I think this is more important than circulars. Since I have been selling I have met hundreds

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of people who told me they have always wanted one but didn't know where to get it. This would not interfere with your agents because you could send the orders to them and it would help them.

"What have you done about putting a demonstrator on television? as soon as I have a few hundred dollars to gamble, I think I will try it."

"Dear Papa-

"A note on the side I don't want typist to read. Please send me a list of the prices you charged Le Baron, the Grand Rapids, Michigan, boys. He is here with me now and I want to charge him whatever you did. List the prices for RC Mop, wringer, ProuKnock duster, waxer, etc--on separate sheet of paper.

"Love from all
Ramen"

The second letter was addressed to the City License Bureau, Bishop, California, and bore the return Easy Way, 932 Lucile, Los Angeles, California. The contents of this letter are as follows:

"May 3, 1950

"City License Bureau

Gentlemen:

"We are distributors of Easy-Way Household Products, engaged in interstate commerce, manufactured by GE Metal Products Company of New York City for the past twenty years.

"We are presently establishing house to house agencies on the Pacific Coast, somewhat similar to those set up by the Fuller Brush Company.

"Any information that you may give us regarding licensing and soliciting permits, if any, in your city will be appreciated, since sometime in the near future

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our representative will visit your city in order to establish an agency for our products. Thank you for your courtesy.

"Very truly yours,

R. C. Durem"
"R. C. Durem,"
"Factory Sales Representative"

Background

W. C. TAYLOR, manager, Vermont and Hollywood Branch, Security First National Bank, Los Angeles, California, advised that DUREM maintained an average 2-figure checking account at this branch and that no large deposits or withdrawals have been noted in the recent past. A review of the activities of this account from April 20, 1950 to May 15, 1950 does not reflect any unusual activity, the cancelled checks being mainly for public utilities, insurance, automobile payments, and small checks for cash. The only check cashed outside the Los Angeles area was dated April 15, 1950 and was in the amount of $75 payable to the Bank of America, Barstow, California. As previously pointed out DUREM sells his household products in the various southern California towns between Los Angeles and the eastern border of California.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, Calif.:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject.

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INFORMANT PAGE

		Re:	Date Furnished	Agent to whom Furnished: -
T-1:	CNDI	Residence	5/29/50	J. R. HIGGINS, JR.
		Employment	4/12/50	"
		ALB Group	12/6/49	L. E. WAY
		Leadership	5/15/50	J. R. HIGGINS, JR. & L. E. WAY
		Purpose of group	1/25/50	J. R. HIGGINS, JR.
		Recruitment	1/25/50	"
		Method of operation	1/25/50	"
		Proposed publication	1/25/50	"
		Finances	1/28/50	"
		Comintern Contacts	1/25/50	"
		Meeting	1/1/50	1/1/50 " & WAY
			1/21/50	1/25/50 "
			3/26/50	3/26/50 "
T-2:	CNDI	Employment	5/8/50	"
		Durem	5/8/50	"
		Letters	5/3/50	"
T-3:	CNDI		5/19/47	HAROLD F. TRAPP

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FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, F.B.I.

DATE: 6-7-50

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, WAS
Internal Security-C

KF card

Prepared 7/46 28 50 vde

Reference enclosed report SA JOHN R. HIGGINS JR. dated June 7, 1950 in the captioned matter and the report of SA JOHN R. HIGGINS JR. entitled "Factionalists Sabotage Group, Internal Security-C," dated April 3, 1950 at Los Angeles.

In view of subject's statements relative to sabotage in the enclosed report, subject is being designated a key figure in the Los Angeles Office.

A handwriting specimen was forwarded in my letter dated July 4, 1945 and a photograph was furnished in my letter dated July 12, 1945, both in the captioned matter.

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ENCLS.

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1 Handwriting + 1 photograph Pursued 6-28-50 vde

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SAC, Los Angeles

July 24, 1950

Director, FBI

RAMEN O DUREM, was
Internal Security - C
(Los Angeles file 61-374)

Rerep of SA John R. Higgins, Jr., dated June 7, 1950, at Los Angeles which places this individual's case in a pending inactive status.

The Bureau desires that the case on this individual and all other persons connected with the Factionalist Sabotage Group be retained in a pending status and closed followed.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/24/50

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-369268)

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Remytel dated July 15, 1950; re Washington Field letter to Los Angeles dated July 10, 1950; re Washington Field teletype July 8, 1950.

Referenced Los Angeles teletype advised the Bureau that NANCY SCOTT, on July 15, 1950, advised CNDI [redacted] that RAMEN DUREM arrived in Los Angeles at 6:00 a.m. on that date from Mexico City. On that same date RAMEN DUREM advised CNDI's [redacted] that officials at the border between Mexico and the United States had conducted a thorough search of his belongings and automobile. Informants were unable to ascertain the route into the United States that DUREM travelled; he mentioned during one conversation that he had driven through Texas on his return.

Inasmuch as no definite information has been made available to the informants relative to the place of entry of DUREM, all offices are requested to contact Collectors of Customs in their areas to ascertain whether they conducted a search of DUREM and to obtain the results of that search. The office covering the Collector of Customs who made the search is requested to advise all offices in order that other Collectors of Customs may be advised that this search has been done. All offices are advised that DUREM plans subsequent trips to Mexico and it is requested that the oral emergency stops pertaining to DUREM remain in effect until formal notification has been received by Customs in your respective areas from the Bureau of Customs in Washington, D. C. To date no information has been received of the contemplated date of departure of DUREM for any subsequent trips to Mexico; when such information is available it will be furnished to all offices.

Washington Field is requested to place a stop notice with the Bureau of Customs, Washington, D. C., in order that DUREM'S belongings may be checked upon his return to the United States on his future trips.

JRH:jld
AIR MAIL
100-32083

cc: Washington Field (100-22017)(AM)
San Diego
Phoenix
Albuquerque
El Paso (AM)
San Antonio (AM)
61-374 (R. DUREM)
100-32327 (R. LeBARON)
100-28917 (B. DUREM)
100-32144 (F. SAUNDERS)

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The following is a complete description of DUREM:

Name	RAMEN DUREM
Aliases	Raymon Durem, Ramon Durem, Raymond Durem, _____ Duren, _____ Duven
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth data	January 30, 1912 Seattle, Washington
Height	5' 6"
Weight	138 lbs.
Eyes	Blue (wears glasses)
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	Gunshot wound left knee; fracture scar left foot
Social Security No.	546-20-2404
FBI No.	2070740
NSN	398-00-82
Wife	REBECCA DUREM
Occupation	Salesman, Easy Way Distributors (from residence)
Remarks	Subject is reported by CNDI [redacted] to carry a gun on his trips

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DUREM, on his last trip, drove his personally owned automobile, a 1950 Ford station wagon, 1950 California license 6 Z 4715. It has been noted since his return from Mexico DUREM has acquired a large luggage rack which is attached to the roof of his automobile. It is believed that he will use this mode of transportation on future trips.

DUREM advised CNDI [redacted] and CNDI [redacted] on July 18, 1950, that his wife is residing in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He did not furnish the exact address of REBECCA DUREM but it is the opinion of the informants that she is not residing with LINI STOUMAN.

DUREM, since his return, has not mentioned any plans relative to sabotage to the informants but has pointed out to the informants that, as Communists, their future in the United States as free individuals is not good and they should consider selling their property in Los Angeles and move to Mexico. DUREM advised that he was considering doing this, especially if conditions became worse for people with his progressive background. During his stay in Mexico City he had contacted one ROSENBERG (Phonetic), who imports commodities from Japan and who wishes DUREM to work for him. DUREM stated that he is considering this employment.

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LA 100-32083

Relative to ROBERT ELMER LeBARON, who accompanied the DUREMS on this trip to Mexico, DUREM advised CNDI [redacted] on July 18, 1950, that LeBARON plans to enter school in Mexico City; in the event that he is unable to enroll during the current semester he will live in Cuernavaca with REBECCA DUREM and will enter school at the beginning of the next semester.

At this time DUREM also advised CNDI [redacted] that he had met LeBARON shortly after DUREM had been discharged from the armed forces. From the conversation, CNDI [redacted] is of the opinion that prior to this meeting LeBARON was not a member of the Communist Party inasmuch as DUREM stated that as a result of their friendship LeBARON had become an ardent Communist and had done excellent work in the university that he attended in Michigan. He said that it was as a result of his association with DUREM that LeBARON was expelled from the Communist Party.

The Bureau has been requested to advise sources in Mexico of LeBARON'S plans for attending school in Mexico City and of the probable residence of FELIX WADSWORTH SAUNDERS in Mexico City. The Bureau is also requested to advise sources in Mexico of the residence of REBECCA DUREM in Cuernavaca and the information pertaining to the possible employment of DUREM with one ROSENBERG (Phonetic), an importer, and that information developed be furnished Los Angeles.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

August 8, 1950

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Surfile 100-369268)

Re Los Angeles letter to the Director dated July 24, 1950.

By circular letter dated July 28, 1950, the Collectors of Customs along the Mexican border were requested to notify the Los Angeles Office in the event RALPH BURNS, with aliases, attempted to re-enter the United States at a port within their jurisdiction. They were also requested to ascertain the contents of BURNS'S automobile and in the event BURNS was not traveling by automobile, they were requested to conduct a baggage search. RUC.

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c.c. Los Angeles (100-32083)
c.c. San Diego
c.c. Phoenix
c.c. Albuquerque
c.c. El Paso
c.c. San Antonio

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NDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 31, 1950

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-18549)

Reurtel dated July 14, 1950; rerep SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. dated August 14, 1950 at Los Angeles, both entitled FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, Bufile 100-369268; rerep SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. in captioned matter dated June 7, 1950.

Referenced teletype directed the Los Angeles Office to submit letters under the individual caption of persons identified as affiliated with the referenced group and to follow these letter with reports recommending Security Index card.

Referenced report in the captioned matter in June, 1950, was submitted with a cover letter indicating that DUREM was a key figure of the Los Angeles Office and of course his Security Index card is being maintained. He, in addition, has been tabbed for DETCOM and COMSAB.

The activities of DUREM subsequent to June, 1950, have been included in the referenced group report dated August 14, 1950.

This case is being maintained in a PENDING status and the information relative to DUREM's activities will be incorporated in a report under the captioned subject.

JRH:MBH
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 13, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bureau file 100-18549 and San Francisco file 100-878, entitled, "RAMEN DUREM, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - c," and Bureau file 100-369268 and San Francisco file 100-31994, entitled, "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

At 9:45 p.m. on September 10, 1950, the following information and instructions were telephonically furnished to Special Agent H. P. FOX of the San Francisco Division by Special Agent GEORGE D. THOMSON, Los Angeles:

DUREM, who is a key figure in the Factionalist Sabotage Group, was under surveillance by Los Angeles Agents on September 10, 1950. At 9:15 p.m. DUREM boarded a Santa Fe Trailways Bus #W909. Subject had purchased a ticket through to Stockton, California. This bus was scheduled to arrive at Stockton at 5:27 a.m., PDT, on September 11, 1950. Subject was seated in the back of the bus in the extreme left seat, and was described as follows:

Age:	38
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	140 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown, curly
Complexion:	Light
Build:	Medium
Glasses:	Rimless
Attire:	Hatless, wearing blue sport shirt with short sleeves, medium grey trousers, carrying matching suit coat. Wore black unshined shoes with cowboy heels. Carried tan canvass parachute type bag with two leather straps on the side of which was stamped "Sgt. L. C. STOUMEN."

P. D. GLENNON, the driver of the bus had been contacted and agreed to contact the Los Angeles Office by telephone if subject left the bus before its arrival in Stockton, California.

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CNDI [redacted] advised on September 10, 1950, that subject had a job on the waterfront at Stockton, California, through the Warehousemen's Union, and was scheduled to report for work at 8:00 a.m., September 11, 1950, at Stockton.

The San Francisco Office was requested to conduct a discreet surveillance of DUREM upon his arrival, to determine the place where he apparently intended to reside or work, so that in the event of an emergency he could be located.

It was pointed out by Special Agent THOMSON that DUREM was not "tail conscious" and that if he "made" the surveillance, it would jeopardize two of our informants. It was suggested that the surveillance be dropped rather than be "made."

The following additional information concerning DUREM and his departure from Los Angeles was not telephonically furnished the San Francisco Division on September 10, 1950. It is herein set out.

On September 9, 1950, CNDI [redacted] advised that RAMEN DUREM had returned to his home at 932 North Lucille Street, Los Angeles, from a bus trip in Northwest Arizona, at 5:00 a.m. that date. DUREM, who usually travels in a 1950 Ford Station Wagon, did not have this car in his possession, and it is believed that he has either sold it, or left it in the custody of NANCY SCOTT in Arizona. DUREM advised the Los Angeles informant that he had been in touch with "the boys" up North; had been reinstated in the Warehousemen's Union; had terminated his activities as salesman, and was going to work on the waterfront in Stockton, California. During the evening of September 10, 1950, CNDI [redacted] learned that DUREM was travelling to Stockton from Los Angeles via public bus, and was to report for work at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 1950.

On the evening of September 10, 1950, a discreet surveillance of subject's activities was conducted by Special Agents JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR., GORDON D. ALBERS and TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN, and DUREM was observed purchasing a ticket for Stockton, and was further observed boarding the previously described bus.

It is noted that one GEORGE TIVARNIK, was., concerning whom information was set out in the report of SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR., dated August 14, 1950, at Los Angeles entitled, "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C," reportedly a longshoreman and warehouseman in San Francisco, had visited members of this group on February 25, 1950. It is the opinion of the Los Angeles Division that possibly TIVARNIK is one of "the boys" whom DUREM contacted up North.

A photograph of the subject is being enclosed for the assistance of the San Francisco Division.

San Francisco will advise the Los Angeles Division if DUREM assumes a permanent residence in that Division, at which time, all pertinent serials, together with Form FD-128 will be forwarded.

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SAC, Los Angeles

August 14, 1950

Director, FBI

FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the report of John N. Speakes, Legal Attache at Mexico City dated July 27, 1950, captioned as above for the information of the Los Angeles and Cleveland offices.

Enclosure

cc: Cleveland - Enclosure

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Title	Character of Case
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Mexico, D.F., Mexico
July 27, 1950

Re: FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP

SYNOPSIS:

RAMEN DUREM, with wife and two daughters, arrived Mexico City 7-6-50 and went directly to house of Dr. FELIX SAUNDERS where they resided until 7-8-50, on which date they went to Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. There LINI STOUMEN had already rented an apartment for REBECCA DUREM and the two daughters. RAMEN DUREM intended to return to California almost immediately since the family was very short on funds and RAMEN DUREM planned to send money to the family from California until such time as he could settle permanently in Mexico and make a living there. DUREM hoped to talk with Mexican Communist CARLOS SANCHEZ (CARDENAS) when he next comes to Mexico since SANCHEZ (CARDENAS) occupies a similar position with respect to the Communist Party of Mexico, being expelled from same, as does DUREM with the Communist Party, U.S.A. DUREM also has letter of introduction to VICENTE LOMBARDO (TOLEDANO) and will use this at some later date. The reason for installation of DUREM family in Mexico is that they consider themselves in the nature of political refugees from U.S. Government. LINI STOUMEN continues to reside at Humboldt #24 in Cuernavaca and continues to teach English. She hopes to become active as a rural nurse. She obtained a new tourist card in Laredo, Texas 6-10-50 and this is good for six months. She also now has a Spanish passport issued by Spanish Republican Government in exile. At present an American named HELEN FELS is living with STOUMEN. This woman's true name is HELEN FELSENTHAL. STOUMEN expects that in months to come she will be in contact with more American Communists who come to Mexico as a political haven and she expects one FEDERICKA, with daughter, to arrive at Veracruz by ship 8-21-50.

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DETAILS:

AT MEXICO, D.F., MEXICO

Reliable Source C advised that RAMEN DUREM, his wife REBECCA DUREM, and their two minor daughters, DOLORES IBARRURI and VIDA, arrived at the outskirts of Mexico City at 11:30 A.M. on July 6, 1950, proceeding in a Ford station wagon with California plates 6 Z 4715. The car proceeded directly to the private residence of Dr. FELIX SAUNDERS at 220 Avenida de los Leones, Villa Obregon, Federal District. The DUREM family entered the SAUNDERS home and remained there the rest of the day.

Reliable Source C stated that Dr. FELIX SAUNDERS is an American citizen resident in Mexico City who drives an automobile with license plates from the State of Ohio, A 794 L. The source did not state whether or not these were 1950 plates but it is believed that they are. The source stated that Dr. SAUNDERS, some years ago, was a "boyfriend" of LINI STOUMEN but at present they are merely friends. The source understood that Dr. SAUNDERS considers it best to reside outside of the U.S. due to his Communist sympathies and perhaps a past Communist record in the U.S. With Dr. SAUNDERS resides his sister who is a writer and whose name was said to be RACKA (phonetic). The source has heard that she is a writer of leftist tendencies.

Source C further advised that at 10:00 A.M. on July 7, 1950, SAUNDERS was seen returning to his house accompanied by two middle-aged women who appeared to be Americans. The source stated that one of the women was LINI STOUMEN and the other was later identified by the source as HELEN FELS, an American presently residing with STOUMEN in Cuernavaca, State of Morelos, Mexico. The source later learned that SAUNDERS had driven to Cuernavaca and had picked up STOUMEN and FELS earlier in the morning and had brought them to his house in order that they might meet RAMEN and REBECCA DUREM. Thereafter, the same day, SAUNDERS drove FELS and STOUMEN to the town of Toluca where native furniture is made in order that they might make some purchases for the boarding house which STOUMEN is arranging in Cuernavaca. Later in the day, SAUNDERS drove STOUMEN and FELS to the downtown bus station in Mexico City so that they could proceed back to Cuernavaca by themselves. The DUREMS, all this day, remained in SAUNDERS' house except for an afternoon visit to downtown Mexico City where the group had a little lunch at the Centro Andaluz.

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AT CUERNAVACA, MORELOS, MEXICO

Source C advised that on the morning of July 8, 1950 the DUREM family drove their Ford station wagon to Cuernavaca, going directly to LINI STOUMEN'S home at Humboldt #24. The source later ascertained that STOUMEN had already obtained a small furnished apartment on Avenida Madero at a rental of 250 pesos a month. The DUREMS moved into this apartment immediately since it had been planned that REBECCA DUREM, with her two daughters, would remain in Mexico indefinitely, whereas RAMEN DUREM would return to the U.S. in order to continue his gainful employment so that he could support his wife and two daughters in Cuernavaca. The source stated that the DUREM apartment is at Francisco I. Madero #47, with the entrance on Cuautla Street. The entrance is exactly in front of the premises which are occupied by the consulate of the Spanish Republican Government in exile in Cuernavaca.

Later on July 8th, Source C visited LINI STOUMEN who is a friendly acquaintance of the source. She told him that the DUREMS had decided several years ago that when the international situation became sufficiently acute, Mrs. DUREM would come to Mexico with the children to live. It had been discussed beforehand and the DUREMS had asked STOUMEN, since she was going to proceed to Mexico before them, to investigate the possibility of "BECKY" DUREM'S obtaining work as a nurse in Mexico in order to help sustain the family.

LINI STOUMEN further advised that RAMEN DUREM has been expelled from the Communist Party of the U.S. and that he, along with certain other Communists, formed an offshoot party which has been termed "Trotskyite" by leaders of the Communist Party of the U.S. STOUMEN said that RAMEN DUREM is a very radical leftist and a person who is specially trained in syndical organization. His wife REBECCA, according to STOUMEN, is also a militant Communist and both fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. They met in Spain and married there and their first daughter was named after the famous Spanish woman Communist leader, DOLORES IBARRURI, alias "La Pasionaria."

STOUMEN further told the source that since RAMEN DUREM had been expelled from the Communist Party of the U.S., many of his friends and former companions had turned against him and, in fact, AVE MARIA BRUSSEKASSI had advised STOUMEN that she should have nothing to do with the DUREMS when they arrived in Mexico since they were "dangerous radicals." In

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spite of this advice, STOUMEN stated she was continuing to be a close friend of the DUREMS and she would do everything possible to help REBECCA DUREM during the latter's stay in Mexico.

STOUMEN said that REBECCA was in a most lamentable situation economically and that she had come from the U.S. almost without personal wearing apparel and without any means of earning a living. Consequently, RAMEN DUREM would have to return to California immediately in order to work and to send a monthly sum of money to Cuernavaca to sustain his family. STOUMEN said that RAMEN DUREM planned to return to the U.S. on July 9, 1950 but first, on July 8th, he would have to cash a check in Cuernavaca since without the funds from this check he could not start the trip back. The plan was that DUREM would try to leave the 9th but if he could not, he would leave the 11th in order to cross the frontier at Laredo, Texas on July 13th.

On July 9, 1950, LINI STOUMEN took Source C to the DUREM apartment in order to introduce the source to RAMEN and REBECCA DUREM. STOUMEN said that she wished to talk with REBECCA concerning REBECCA'S establishing a household and concerning REBECCA'S further plans. STOUMEN said that she had already spoken to Dr. EDUARDO AMAN (phonetic) in order to obtain work for REBECCA as a nurse. The source said that this doctor is an Austrian-Spanish-Mexican who is a friend of all the Spanish Communists. The source believes that AMAN was born in Austria, later served in the Spanish Civil War, and thereafter came to Mexico as a political refugee and obtained Mexican citizenship.

The source spoke at length with RAMEN DUREM and found that DUREM speaks quite good Spanish. DUREM said that he had to return to the U.S. since in making the down payment of one month's rent in advance for the Cuernavaca apartment, he had seriously cut into his small cash on hand. He said that in buying the Ford station wagon the family had extended its credit and he would have to go back to California to work hard to sustain his family. He asked the source concerning the status of the ideological fight in Mexico. He particularly asked the source as to who was CARLOS SANCHEZ (CARDENAS) since, he said, he had gotten to know something concerning SANCHEZ' revindicating movement in Mexico and he wanted to know more about it. The source then explained to DUREM that CARLOS SANCHEZ (CARDENAS) was a leader in the Communist Party of Mexico but for several years has been expelled from the Party. The source added that he knows CARLOS

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SANCHEZ (CARDENAS) personally and that the latter is a vigorous, energetic Communist who is also very intellectual and who started his revindicating movement in view of his expulsion from the Party and in view of his belief that the Party is suffering through erroneous management.

DUREM stated that he desired to interview CARLOS SANCHEZ (CARDENAS) but that now it was vital that he return to the U.S. and on a later trip he would try to get to talk to him.

DUREM also asked concerning VICENTE LOMBARDO (TOLEDANO), stating that he had with him a letter of introduction to LOMBARDO. He said that he would do nothing as to using this letter at present but that as soon as possible he hoped to return to Mexico to live and work and then he would use the letter of introduction in order to obtain help from LOMBARDO. He stated that his specialty was syndical organization but that he had no true profession, although he knew something of radio, electrical work and electronics. He added that nevertheless most of his life he had given to organizing the workers.

DUREM told the source that what the source said about division in the Mexican Communist Party was most interesting since it paralleled experience in the U.S. where there is a split because some of the Communists are more radical than the others. He said that the ones who do not take forceful, energetic stands on Party policy greatly prejudice the Marxist cause. He stated that he himself has been accused of being a Trotskyite by the Communist Party of the U.S. but that was unimportant to him and he would continue the fight along with a small group of extremely loyal Communists. He pointed out, however, that the trend of events in the U.S. makes it appear that the future will be very dangerous for persons such as he and hence he and others of his group had had to work out plans for escaping from the U.S. He stated that he hesitated even now to return to the U.S. but he had no alternative and he would return to Mexico as soon as a means of living could be worked out.

DUREM asked the source whether or not the American authorities carefully checked over the automobiles of returning Americans when they crossed into Texas at Laredo. He said that he customarily keeps a pistol in his automobile and he wanted to avoid any embarrassment through the revelation of this pistol when he re-crossed the border into the U.S.

The source did not see members of the DUREM family after July 9, 1950 but he believes that RAMEN DUREM probably left Mexico City in return to California on July 11th.

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The source stated it is believed that ROBERT ELMER LeBARON did not come to Mexico since the source has not seen any person who might be LeBARON and has not heard mention of his name.

FURTHER DATA CONCERNING LINI STOUMEN

The source advised that LINI STOUMEN was in the process of obtaining a Spanish passport issued by the Spanish Republican Government in exile in Mexico but that early in June she did not yet have such a document and her Mexican tourist card was nearly run out due to expiration of time. Accordingly, she took a bus to Laredo, Texas on June 10th and in Texas obtained a new Mexican tourist card, returning to Mexico City by bus on June 11th with a card good for a new six-month period. Later, on June 29, 1950, she obtained a Spanish passport so that at present she has documentation of both types. STOUMEN told the source that shortly after the middle of June, 1950 an agent of the Secret Service Police came to Humboldt #24 to inquire if LINI STOUMEN had left Mexico or was still in the Republic. STOUMEN told the source she was perturbed by this and the source then explained to her that it is customary for the Mexican agents of Gobernación (Interior) to check on tourist cards which have not been canceled out through the departure of the holder within the six-month term of the card. A tourist who does not leave the Republic within the six-month period is thereafter in Mexico illegally and the Gobernación agents handling immigration matters quite often visit the last known address of the tourist. STOUMEN appeared re-assured about this since she knew that she had renewed her tourist card. She stated that at all events she wanted to avoid trouble with the police. Source C has advised that he himself cannot explain why the police would have visited her if she was correct in her statement that it was the Secret Service. The Secret Service is the plainclothes detective branch of the Mexico City Police Force and does not ordinarily handle immigration matters. It is possible that STOUMEN received an erroneous impression as to the identity of the agent.

STOUMEN advised that she expects a more or less continual series of arrivals of her friends from the U.S. due to the international situation. She said that on or about August 21, 1950 there would arrive by boat at Veracruz a friend of hers named FEDERICKA who would be accompanied by the daughter of the latter. LINI STOUMEN said she hoped to

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make the trip to Veracruz to receive her friends and thereafter bring them to Cuernavaca.

STOUMEN said that she is no longer friendly with AVE MARIA BRUSSEKASSI. She also said that she is not very friendly with Dr. SAUNDERS at present.

The source said that STOUMEN continues to teach English in Cuernavaca and she has also received some very favorable comment from the Mexican authorities with respect to her nursing abilities and she is very interested in becoming quite active in the State of Morelos as a rural nurse. The source stated all indications are that STOUMEN is orienting herself quite well in the Cuernavaca region.

Concerning the HELEN FELS who has been previously mentioned herein, the source advised that she resides with STOUMEN and FELS intends to reside in Cuernavaca indefinitely since she considers herself somewhat of a political refugee from the U.S. Government. The source understands that FELS most recently resided in the U.S. at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Thereafter, information was received concerning FELS from reliable Source D. It was stated that HELEN FELS is identical with HELEN FELSENTHAL. She has a son named ROBERT FELS whose address is 235 West 4th Street, New York City. HELEN FELSENTHAL was born on October 1, 1893 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She came to Mexico on June 22, 1950 and in the past she has resided principally in New York City and in Santa Fe, New Mexico. During the period 1932 to 1934, she resided in Paris, France. She at one time had an American passport but she lost the same.

Information from Source D was to the further effect that HELEN FELSENTHAL is the daughter of ISAAC RUBENSTEIN, deceased, born in Russia about 1863 and later naturalized an American citizen. Her mother's maiden name was DORA SACHS who was born in Germany about 1867 and is presently residing at 5480 Cornell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

FELSENTHAL has used as references Mrs. MADELON FREEMAN of 70 Grove Street, New York City, and Mrs. MABEL BLUME of 200 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois. In Mexico, in order to establish her personal identity, she has also utilized CAMILLA FERRET, Avenida Thiers #211, Colonia Nueva Anzures, Mexico, D. F.

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Source C has produced a letter to LINI STOUMEN dated April 21, 1950 at Mexico City and signed by NESTOR SANCHEZ H., inviting STOUMEN to a meeting on April 28, 1950 of the Sociedad Francisco Javier Mina. A photographic copy of this letter is enclosed to the Bureau and it is to be noted that the Javier Mina group is a club of veterans of the Spanish Civil War. STOUMEN has recently given Source C a picture of herself which was taken during June, 1950. A copy of this photograph and of the above-mentioned letter are enclosed to the Bureau, along with the negative.

Source C has advised that he has noted the following automobiles have visited Dr. FELIX SAUNDERS at the latter's residence:

Mexican plates

38-016
59-922
15-039

U.S. Plates

1950 Texas A 6264

Source C has advised that the following automobile was used by persons recently making a visit to AVE MARIA BRUSSEKASSI: Studebaker with 1950 California plates 1 H 7554.

Source C has advised that DOROTHY PARKER, the American writer who was recently living in the boarding house formerly run by CONSTANCIA DE LA MORA and who was in contact with LINI STOUMEN, has now returned to the U.S.

STOUMEN has given Source C a paper which she receives in Mexico and which she states keeps her well posted on activities in the U.S., particularly with reference to the current peace movement. The source has produced this paper given him by STOUMEN and it is noted that it is Volume 2, No. 31 of the "National Guardian" dated June 28, 1950 and edited in New York City.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

It is noted that the present investigation in Mexico concerning the activities of LINI STOUMEN and her contacts was initiated upon receipt of Bureau letter of January 25, 1950 captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - FACTIONALISM. INTERNAL SECURITY - C." Thereafter, this same matter was dealt with in Bureau letter to the Legal Attache, Mexico City, dated May 31, 1950 and captioned "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP. INTERNAL SECURITY - C," Bureau file 100-369268. Thereafter the Bureau, by letter to the SAC at Cleveland dated June 19, 1950, referred to this investigation under the caption "LINI MOERKERK STOUMEN, was. SECURITY MATTER - C," Bureau file 101-4782. In the Mexico City Office all of this material has been placed in one file captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - FACTIONALISM. INTERNAL SECURITY - C." Since the activities of this group has, up until this point, been centralized about the figure of LINI STOUMEN, no separate file has been opened on the DUREM family. In the absence of advice to the contrary, the Mexico City Office will continue to investigate this matter utilizing one file with the above title.

It is to be noted that extreme care should be exercised in connection with the investigative material produced by Source C. Source C appears to have the entire confidence of LINI STOUMEN and should any information ever come to STOUMEN or her acquaintances that Source C has been reporting information to American authorities, the possible results for Source C might be serious.

In the administrative details of the referenced report dated June 8, 1950 a situation was described whereby an individual affiliated with the local CIA office attempted to embarrass Source C by reporting to the STOUMEN group that Source C is conducting an investigation for the FBI. Source C was apparently able to reinstill confidence in STOUMEN but the Legal Attache regards this relationship as extremely delicate and, accordingly, has instructed Source C that he should only make sufficient contact with STOUMEN as to keep himself informed of her more important activities. It is felt that if Source C were to make too frequent contact with STOUMEN some of her Communist friends would begin to pay too much attention to Source C and his usefulness in this investigation might be entirely terminated. Accordingly, it is planned

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to have Source C only make intermittent contact with STOUMEN on which occasions he will continue to refrain from asking prying questions and will indicate only a casual interest in her affairs. The source has noted that STOUMEN confides in him quite openly without any necessity for his questioning her intensively concerning her activities.

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THE MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico

Will, through Source C, maintain contact with LINI STOUMEN in order to further ascertain her activities and contacts.

Will, through contact with LINI STOUMEN by Source C, attempt to ascertain more concerning her American friend CATALINA and the latter's husband, ALFONSO DOMINGUEZ Y SOSA, with whom STOUMEN stated she might hide out in case of a U.S.-Soviet war.

Will, through contact with LINI STOUMEN by Source C, attempt to ascertain more concerning the identity of "FEDERICKA" who, with her daughter, is allegedly going to arrive by boat at Veracruz on August 21, 1950.

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico

Will check Mexican Government records to ascertain the registered owners of the following motor vehicles:

1950 Mexican plates

38-016
59-922
15-039

Will, through Source C, attempt to obtain further information concerning the activities and contacts of Dr. FELIX SAUNDERS.

Will attempt to follow the activities of the RAMEN DUREM family while they are in Mexico.

Will attempt to identify CAMILLA FERRET, Avenida Thiers #211, Colonia Nueva Anzures.

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INFORMANT PAGE

Source C - Confidential Informant [redacted].

D - Files of Citizenship Section of American Embassy, Mexico City, as examined by Legal Attache JOHN N. SPEAKES.

ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: One photographic copy of letter to LINI STOUMEN from the Sociedad Francisco Javier Mina, dated April 21, 1950 and signed by NESTOR SANCHEZ H.

One recent photograph of LINI STOUMEN.

One negative of letter and photograph.

REFERENCES

Bureau cable 7-3-50 captioned "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP. INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

Bulet June 19, 1950 to the SAC, Cleveland, captioned "LINI MOERKERK STOUMEN, was. SECURITY MATTER - C," Bufile 101-4782.

Report SA JOHN N. SPEAKES, 6-8-50, Mexico, D.F., Bufile 100-369268, entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - FACTIONALISM. INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

RAMEN DUREM, IS - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE EIGHT FIVE FOUR NINE. DUREN USED NAME RAMEN DURM WHILE EMPLOYED IN STOCKTON BY ILWU AS WAREHOUSEMAN. DUREM RESIDED WITH LEILA NOLAND, SECRETARY, STOCKTON CP. CLOSE INFORMAT STATES NO UNUSUAL CONTACTS OR ACTIVITY WERE MADE WHILE HERE.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Los Angeles

FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-369268)

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Remytel dated September 26, 1950 and mylet dated October 20, 1950.

On October 10, 1950, CNDI [redacted] advised SA FREDERICK M. FREEMAN that RAMEN DUREM returned to Los Angeles, California, at 9:15 p.m. that date from Mexico City, Mexico. The only information regarding the mode of travel of DUREM was that he had arrived on American Airlines flight number 1 from San Diego, California.

Subsequently, CNDI [redacted] advised that on his return to Los Angeles, California, DUREM was accompanied by one ARMANDA GOOSEMAN, an airline steward for a Mexican airline operating between Tijuana and Mexico City, Mexico. The informant added that DUREM had utilized this airline on his return to Tijuana from Mexico City. According to the informant, GOOSEMAN owns the home in Cuernavaca, Mexico, that the DUREMs are presently renting.

Referenced teletype advised you that DUREM flew to Mexico City on the airline Aerovias Reforma. At the time that DUREM made his reservation with this airline he indicated that he planned frequent trips to and from Mexico City via Tijuana and that he contemplated utilizing this airline for his trips.

By teletype dated October 16, 1950, the San Diego Office advised that an informant had stated that DUREM was reported to have arrived at Tijuana Airport from Mexico City, Mexico, by plane on October 10, 1950. Customs officials at the Mexican border reported that they had no record of DUREM's entrance into the United States.

Border offices who were orally requested to advise collectors of customs in their respective area by referenced teletype have been informed of DUREM's return. They were also advised that the stops in effect at these stations are to remain so until advised to the contrary.

Information known to this office concerning DUREM's stay in Mexico City, Mexico, as furnished by CNDI [redacted] has been set forth in my referenced letter.

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cc: San Francisco (Enc.) (100-31994)
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Following his return from Mexico on October 10, 1950, DUREM remained in Los Angeles, California, until October 17, 1950, when CNDI [redacted] advised SE HAROLD R. EVANS that DUREM had gone to Stockton, California, to bring NANCY SCOTT back to Los Angeles, California. As you have been previously advised, SCOTT had been assisting DUREM in the sale of household products in the Southeast, California, area prior to DUREM's original departure for Stockton, California.

On October 20, 1950, CNDI [redacted] advised that SCOTT and DUREM returned on that date from Stockton and that SCOTT, since DUREM's original trip to Stockton, California, had been selling household products in that area.

The informant advised that DUREM and SCOTT do not plan to return to Stockton, California, at this time.

A photograph of SCOTT is being forwarded to the San Francisco Office in order that it may be exhibited to established informants in the Stockton, California, area for any information regarding her that may have come to their attention. The address of SCOTT in Stockton is not known to the Los Angeles Office; it is possible that she lived with DUREM at 908 South America Street, Stockton, California.

It is suggested that Bureau sources in Mexico be advised that DUREM plans frequent trips to Mexico via Aerovias Reforma in the future. If, on subsequent trips, DUREM adheres to his plan and if Bureau sources consider it advisable, it is suggested that stops with this airline be placed for DUREM's return trip to the United States in an effort to be able to advise the San Diego Office of DUREM's scheduled arrival in Tijuana prior to his departure from Mexico City, so that a baggage search by Customs may be conducted.

It is also suggested that the information concerning ARMANDA GOODSMAN as contained in the beginning of this letter be furnished for the information of Bureau sources in Mexico.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DUREM arrived Stockton, California September 11, 1950 where employed as warehouseman by ILWU Local 6 as RAMEN DURM. Resided Route 1, Box 190-B-2, Lathrop, California, with LEILA NOLAND, Secretary, Stockton Communist Party. Returned Los Angeles September 23, 1950. No unusual activity noted while in Stockton. DUREM arrested Stockton August 6, 1940 for refusing to testify before Yorty Committee relative to Communist activities in SRA. Members of Stockton Communist Party directed by State Communist Party Headquarters to discontinue association with DUREM due to extreme leftist tendencies.

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DETAILS: AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Special Agents WILLIAM E. DENT and NATHAN L. WHITE on September 11, 1950 observed that DUREM arrived in Stockton by Santa Fe bus at 5:27 AM that date from Los Angeles. DUREM was then seen to proceed from the Santa Fe bus depot to the Santa Fe railroad station where he entered a vacant parked 1950 Ford station wagon, California license 6Z-4715. DUREM then reported to the ILWU Warehousemens Union, Local 6, 140 North Hunter Street, from where he proceeded to the Taylor Milling Company, West Weber Street, to work as a warehouseman under the name RAMEN DURM. However, it is believed that this name is probably a phonetic misspelling and is not being added as an alias.

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised on September 12, 1950 that in the afternoon of September 11, 1950 DUREM met a woman, name unknown, with whom he proceeded to the home of LEILA

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NOLAND, secretary of the Stockton Communist Party, at Route 1, Box 190-B-2, Lathrop, California. Both spent the night there.

On September 27, 1950 San Francisco T-1 related that DUREM remained in Stockton, employed as a warehouseman until approximately September 22, 1950 when he departed, mode of travel unknown, for Los Angeles. T-1 also advised that DUREM was engaged in selling a household product which he claims to have invented and the unknown woman mentioned above was assisting him in the sale of this utensil.

T-1 further stated DUREM is not known to have made any unusual contacts or to have participated in any unusual activity while in Stockton.

A check of the California Department of Motor Vehicles revealed that license No. 6Z-4715 is registered to RAMEN DUREM, 932 Lucille Avenue, Los Angeles, as registered owner. Legal owner is given as Bank of America, Barstow, California. The car is described as a light green 1950 Ford station wagon.

The following investigation was conducted by SA NATHAN L. WHITE:

The files of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office reflected the following information concerning DUREM:

He was a member of the State Relief Administration, who refused to answer questions of the Yorty Legislative Committee relative to asserted Communist activities in the SRA. The following description was obtained from these files:

Name:	RAMEN DUREM
Date Arrested:	August 6, 1940
FPC:	19 0 31 00M M 32 OIO 15
Stockton No.:	2070740
Age:	25 (1940)
Weight:	134
Eyes:	Blue
Occupation:	Student
Height:	5' 5-3/8"
Hair:	Light brown, curly
Complexion:	Fair
Naturalized:	Seattle, Washington
Home:	Route 1, Box 563F, Stockton, Calif.
Notify:	BOYD COON, same address (friend)

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Scars or Marks:	Vacc. scar upper outs; Tattoo low outs - bird anchor, heart, ribbon and word "Mary"; Several gold fillings right side of mouth; Small scar outside corner right eyebrow
Arrest:	1936 - Berkeley, California, picketing, case dismissed on appeal, same sentence and offense

San Francisco T-1 advised on September 24, 1948 that at a meeting of the Stockton Communist Party held on September 20, 1948 at the home of LEILA NOLAND, 323 South Coolidge Street, the case of RAMEN DUREM, the left-wing Communist staying at NOLAND'S residence at that time, was brought up and it was decided to inform him that he must leave due to the extreme risk of exposing all comrades to him and the danger of his methods of procedure.

San Francisco T-1 described DUREM as "extremely leftist" and as having claimed to have served in Spain and in the Navy during the second world war. According to T-1, DUREM advocated the agitation of trouble at all times between the workers and the government in order to bring about more quickly a change to Socialism.

San Francisco T-1 further advised on September 17, 1948 that at a meeting of the Stockton Communist Party held on September 16, 1948 at the home of LEILA NOLAND, 323 South Coolidge Street, the subject of the leftists in the Communist Party was brought up with the mention of RAMEN DUREM as an old-time Communist Party member at that time operating around Stockton. It was mentioned that he was expelled about the time of the BROWDER expulsion. He was quoted as advocating the belief that the Communist Party is of no value and an overthrow of the government is the only way to obtain the desired standard of life.

San Francisco T-1 on October 5, 1950 advised that at a meeting of the Stockton Communist Party held at the home of LEILA NOLAND, Route 1, Box 190-B-2, Lathrop, California, on October 1, 1950, LEILA NOLAND stated that the State Office of the Communist Party had given orders to the effect that no Communist Party member could even as much as talk to RAMEN DUREM, due to his leftist beliefs.

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San Francisco T-1 - [redacted] who furnished the information herein to SA WILLIAM E. DENT, except that on September 17 and 24, 1948, which was furnished to SA JOSEPH T. DALY.

REFERENCE - Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated September 13, 1950.
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and San Francisco dated September 26, 1950.
San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles dated September 28, 1950.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 22, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Card U.T.D.
1-19-51 RA

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____ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

__X__ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____ G. I. R. -A

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

JAN 18 1 23 PM '51 FBI STATISTICS TAKEN

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Employment addition: Easy Way Distributing Co.; Television Repairman. Operates both from residence.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DUREM permanently resides at 932 N. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California and is employed as a television repairman and continues as owner of the Easy Way Distributing Company, both of which he operates from his residence. DUREM was present and corroborated the feasibility of statements made by GEORGE HAGGERTY during July, 1950 when the latter outlined the possibility of using a radio detonated bomb for sabotage work. In October, 1950 DUREM, in discussing his group with an unknown male who indicated he is attempting to organize a splinter group, recommended to this person, "I suggest you go underground and try to put aside as much demolition material and weapons as you can." DUREM, when questioned as to whether the group was sufficiently organized to sabotage, remarked, "First we need to go among party members and show them how inactive the party is." DUREM while employed as a warehouseman in Stockton, Calif. from September 10, 1950 to September 23, 1950, was in contact with LEILA NOLAND, Secretary of the Stockton Communist Party. From July 1, 1950 to July 15, 1950 and from September 26, 1950 to October 10, 1950, subject was in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He departed again for Cuernavaca on December 13, 1950. While in Los Angeles, DUREM continues contact with his group by attending social gatherings.

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DETAILS:

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All sources who have been identified in subsequent paragraphs by T symbols are all of known reliability unless specified to the contrary.

PERSONAL HISTORY

RESIDENCE

T-1 advised that DUREM resides at 932 N. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

EMPLOYMENT

T-1 stated that DUREM is the owner of the Easy Way Distributing Company and that he operates this business from his residence at 932 N. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California. T-1 advised that the subject is employed as a television repairman, operating from his place of residence. T-1 added that this employment is in addition to the aforementioned occupation of the subject.

T-1 related that DUREM, until his departure for Cuernavaca, Mexico on December 13, 1950, was employed as a television repairman for Associated TV Service, 3343 Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

ACTIVITIES

T-1 advised that DUREM continues to be recognized as the leader of a group comprised in the main of expelled Communist Party members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which meets in Los Angeles, California. T-1 advised that the purpose of this group is sabotage against the United States in the event of war with Russia. T-1 added that prior to the Korean War, the then current policy of the group, as explained by DUREM, was the disintegration of the Communist Party in California in an effort to return the Party to a true revolutionary organization of workers. Subsequent to the Korean situation, individuals affiliated with DUREM had reiterated their purpose of sabotage.

The Communist Party, USA and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

SABOTAGE INTENTIONS

In July, 1950, T-1 was advised by GEORGE HAGGERTY, a member of the sabotage group, that he had been studying the use of a bomb which could be detonated by means of a radio signal.

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T-1 stated that the entire discussion centered around the construction of such a bomb and no specific mention was made as to where the bomb would be placed. At no time did HAGGERTY mention a specific locale, industry or public utility that he considered essential to sabotage. Subsequent to this contact with HAGGERTY, T-1 in another discussion of a potential sabotage and the use of the radio detonated bomb, was advised by GEORGE HAGGERTY that he had conducted simple experiments with the component parts of such a bomb during 1949 with FRANCISCO ANTONIO BORGES HERNANDEZ. The latter, according to T-1 is presently in Venezuela and was formerly an associate of the subject in Los Angeles, California.

At the time HAGGERTY advised T-1 that he had experimented with the component parts of the radio such as the oscillating tube, relay and transmitter, he said that the same principle would be used in detonating a bomb and stated that in his experiments he has operated at a distance up to 50 feet, but that in the use of the bomb he would, of course, be at a distance considerably more than 50 feet when the bomb was actually detonated.

During the latter conversation, RAMEN DUREM was pressed and he advised T-1 that the principle of the tube setup as outlined by GEORGE HAGGERTY was correct.

T-2 advised that in October, 1950 he had been present when RAMEN DUREM was discussing his group in the presence of NANCY SCOTT and an unknown male, who he described as follows,

Name:	Unknown
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	Early twenties
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Brunette
Eyes:	Dark
Peculiarities:	Straight nose, scrawny neck

SCOTT, according to T-1, is an expelled Communist Party member and a close associate of DUREM.

T-2 advised that the unknown person who indicated he has known DUREM for approximately two years, advised DUREM that he had a "group of guys that is really ready to work." He requested DUREM advise him as to what they should do.

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DUREM answered, "I suggest you go underground and try to put aside as much demolition material and weapons as you can." DUREM added, in answer to the unknown person's insistance that he be included in DUREM's group, "You really don't know anything about our ideology because two years ago you told me that you were in favor of some person that actually should not be backed at all. DUREM then concluded that his group was all set and needed no further additions.

Subsequently, T-2 in a discussion with DUREM relating to sabotage, was advised by the latter that unfortunately the American worker, who must be behind DUREM and his work in order for it to be successful, is not yet conditioned for it and before any sabotage work can be done this situation must be corrected.

DISINTEGRATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY

T-1 in August, 1950 advised that while DUREM and his group have indicated they plan to commit sabotage espicially since the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, DUREM continues to discuss the disintegration of the Communist Party and the need for the party to become more militant.

In late August, 1950 during the course of a conversation with T-1, DUREM related that the Communist Party in the United States has not been effective, but he now believes that in view of the current world situation the Communist Party may change and become more militant.

Relative to his own group, DUREM in answer to a question by T-1 as to whether or not his group had the organization to sabotage, stated, "First we need to go among party members and show them how inactive the Party is and we need to get some people to work illegally to put out leaflets at night to educate the people against the war."

In regard to the leaflet campaign, DUREM related it should be concentrated in the neighborhood of industrial plants and in discussing the leaflet campaign with each person contacted, DUREM's group members should speak so as to show that the United States is wrong in everything that we are doing and Russia is right. DUREM stated that by doing this, it would create confussion and unrest among the American people and thereby augment sabotage actions.

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STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA TRIPS AND CONTACTS

T-1 advised in early September, 1950 that DUREM had returned to Los Angeles, California from a selling trip in Southern California and Arizona and had advised T-1 that he was leaving very shortly for Stockton, California, where he had accepted employment as a warehouseman. T-1 subsequently advised that DUREM was to depart from Los Angeles on September 10, 1950 by Santa Fe Trailways Bus.

SAs GORDON D. ALBERS and TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN and the writer observed DUREM purchase a bus ticket for Stockton, California at the Santa Fe Bus Depot, 1551 N. Vine Street, Los Angeles, California and observed DUREM board a Santa Fe Trailways Bus No. W909 destined for Stockton, California, which departed from Los Angeles at 9:15 p.m. on September 10, 1950.

SAs WILLIAM E. DENT and NATHAN L. WHITE on September 11, 1950 observed that DUREM arrived in Stockton by Santa Fe bus at 5:27 a.m. DUREM then was seen to proceed from the Santa Fe bus depot to the ILWU Warehousemens Union, Local 6, 140 N. Hunter Street, Stockton, from where he proceeded to the Taylor Milling Company, W. Weber Street, to work as a warehouseman under the name RAMEN DURM.

T-3 advised that DUREM while in Stockton, California and was employed at the Taylor Milling Company, was in contact with LEILA NOLAND, Secretary of the Stockton Communist Party at Route 1, Box 190-B-2, Lathrop, California, and resided there for a portion of his stay in Stockton.

T-3 advised that at a meeting of the Stockton Communist Party held at the home of LEILA NOLAND on October 3, 1950, the latter had stated that the State officers of the Communist Party had given orders to the effect that no Communist Party member should even so much as talk to RAMEN DUREM due to his leftist beliefs.

T-1 advised that DUREM arrived in Los Angeles, California on September 23, 1950 from Stockton and departed from Los Angeles on September 26, 1950 for Cuernavaca, Mexico.

T-1 subsequently advised that DUREM returned to Stockton, California on October 17, 1950 and returned to Los Angeles, California on October 20, 1950.

MEXICO CITY TRIPS

T-1 advised that on July 1, 1950, DUREM departed from Los Angeles, California for Cuernavaca, Mexico and returned to Los Angeles on July 15, 1950.

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T-1 advised that DUREM made a subsequent trip to Cuernavaca on September 26, 1950 and returned to Los Angeles on October 10, 1950. T-1 also advised that he subsequently returned to Cuernavaca on December 13, 1950 and is presently there.

T-2 advised that DUREM, while in Cuernavaca, was for the most part "vacationing" and while there is only interested in resting, relaxing and having a good time.

T-2 added that DUREM's purpose in going to Cuernavaca is that for a very few dollars a month, he can live there in a way that he could never think of living in the United States. T-2 added that DUREM, while in Cuernavaca is passive, lazy and is intent only in having a good time.

MISCELLANEOUS

DUREM, while in Los Angeles, California, maintains contact with a number of individuals who are affiliated with his group by way of social gatherings at his home or at the homes of members affiliated with him. DUREM has attended the following social gatherings on the below listed dates at the indicated places:

Date	Place
June 19, 1950	932 and 932½ N. Lucile, Los Angeles.
June 24, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles
July 22, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles
August 23, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles
September 23, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles
October 10, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles
October 16, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles
October 23, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles
November 5, 1950	932 N. Lucile, Los Angeles

T-1, T-2 and T-4, who have identified DUREM as attending these social gatherings on the above dates, each advised that each of the above meetings were purely social in nature and that the only discussion of Marxist philosophy or intention of sabotage were made in segregated groups.

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SABOTAGE INTENTIONS

Since January,1950, as you have been advised in the captioned matter and in the Factionalist Sabotage Group reports, DUREM and members of his group have made several clear-cut statements indicating that they intend to sabotage against the United States. Along with this idea, DUREM and others of his group have indicated a desire to return the Communist Party in the State of California to a more revolutionary workers party.

T-1, T-2, and T-4, each of whom have been in close contact with DUREM for the period of at least four months, have endeavored to ascertain whether or not DUREM, who is the accepted leader of the group of individuals who meet irregularly with him, actually has the organization, plans, facilities and intentions to sabotage.

You will recall in September, 1950, T-2 was in contact with RAMEN DUREM in Cuernavaca, Mexico and related the following regarding DUREM's statements at that time.

Upon his arrival in Cuernavaca, T-2 contacted DUREM at his home, which he is renting, and upon saying hello to DUREM and speaking to him, DUREM interrupted him saying, "Don't speak now; we should have one minute of silence thinking of the poor workers. I love to feel sorry for them. What about a drink?" He then described to T-2 what a wonderful life it was down in Mexico on such a lovely estate. He described to T-2 that with the exchange of money he can get whatever he wants here in Mexico and made the statement to T-2 that one of the reasons he was interested in the "stupid workers", was in order to obtain the objectives where he can have the things he wants, meaning the luxuries of life.

T-2 remarked to DUREM that this attitude was a good demonstration of his being a capitalist, to which DUREM answered, "What is wrong with that, when you are it?" A discussion then ensued in which T-2 took the stand of wanting to aid the working people, and DUREM made the statement to him that "people like you and GEORGE (HAGGERTY) will fight for our cause, and when I am the boss, I will be very glad to go out and put flowers on yours and GEORGE's graves and say that they were two good men."

T-2 related that during his association with DUREM for the past several months, he has gathered very definite impressions that DUREM is a hypocritical, selfish, cowardly person and T-2 stated that there is no question in his mind that DUREM is all for Russia and in the event of war against this country would still be for Russia, but would not actually engage in any endeavor where he would be required to risk his life.

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In October, 1950, T-2 in a discussion with DUREM regarding sabotage was advised by DUREM as follows:

"I am interested in fighting only the last six months of the struggle. I know you are an ambitious man, but you must save yourself because good things can come if you get in at the end of the fight."

T-2 advised that in his opinion, DUREM is a person who would encourage other people to risk their lives so that he can benefit from it.

As you were advised in my letter dated October 30, 1950 in the case entitled "Factionalist Sabotage Group, Internal Security - C", T-2 advised that since his association with DUREM's group, nothing has come to his attention that there are any indications of regularly planned meetings of the group or any organization on their part. The group is loosely knit and there seems to be no control over its members.

The group headed by DUREM is made up of people who lack the stability and determination to carry out actions of sabotage. DUREM and other members of his group frequently engage in drinking sprees, are lazy and physically dirty and possess a definite lack of the necessary indoctrination and selflessness required of people who are going to risk their lives engaging in sabotage.

As further indication of DUREM's selfishness and sole interest in the acquiring of money for his own personal satisfaction, DUREM, upon his return to the United States in October, 1950 and during his first contact with T-2, made no reference to the alleged plans of the group which he heads, but was more concerned and interested in some type of "racket" which he thought could be worked in Mexico in order to raise his own standard of living.

T-2 added in regard to the conversation that DUREM had with the unknown male as set out in the details of this report, that it was his definite impression that DUREM unquestionably had talked to this unknown individual along the lines of sabotage and underground work, but that DUREM was only trying to impress this individual and that actually DUREM's group is not in any position to sabotage as an organized unit.

T-2 further stated that in his opinion, the conversation between DUREM and this unknown person was typical of DUREM's reaction when confronted with a person who desired to sabotage and who stated that he was ready to sabotage. T-2 advised that on several occasions when he had been in a position to discuss sabotage with DUREM and attempted to obtain a concrete and definite statement of DUREM regarding sabotage, DUREM has been typically evasive as he was in his conversation with this unknown individual when he advised the latter to go

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underground obtaining material and weapons and putting them away until the proper time. DUREM has given no indication as to when the proper time will come or what circumstances will determine the time that he and his associates will sabotage.

T-1, who has been very closely associated with DUREM for the past year, has advised that while DUREM has made specific statements regarding his intentions of sabotage, T-1 has been unable to definitely ascertain any specific details regarding this intended sabotage. In addition he has advised that DUREM, when placed in a position where he will have to answer a question regarding sabotage, is always evasive and is always non-specific.

T-1 also advised that DUREM is not always concerned with sabotage as the principle purpose of the group and has indicated a desire that the Communist Party in the State of California be returned to a trade union workers party.

In October, 1950 DUREM related to T-1 after reading the newspaper headlines that these headlines had instilled in him a desire to go to China where he felt he could do a great deal of good for the Chinese Communist. T-1 ridiculed such a statement, stating that as an individual DUREM would be able to contribute little to the cause of the Chinese Communists as the ground work there had been well laid out, and the only possible assistance he could afford the Chinese Communists would be that of an individual volunteer.

DUREM advised that he would be able to contact the Chinese Government in China and that if he were able to do that he would like to be employed as a broadcaster for them on a radio beamed to the U. S. forces. DUREM felt that he was of such a persuasive nature that if given this opportunity he would be able to persuade a few divisions to go over to the Chinese Reds.

MEXICO CITY TRIPS

As you have been previously advised, GEORGE HAGGERTY in December, 1949 advised T-1 that LIN STOUMEN, who was then an associate of RAMEN DUREM in Los Angeles, California, in December, 1949, was leaving to go to the Mexico City area where she would live and work in a headquarters for this group.

Subsequent to her arrival in Cuernavaca, Mexico, T-5 has advised that STOUMEN is estranged from DUREM and his associates and desires to have nothing whatever to do with them.

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In regard to the allegation that STOUMEN is to work in a headquarters of the group headed by DUREM in Mexico, T-5 has advised that from his continued contacts with STOUMEN and her associates in Cuernavaca, Mexico, he has gathered the impression that none of this group is planning any action of espionage or sabotage. T-5 stated DUREM's principle interest is acquiring permanent residence in Mexico and a means of making a living.

T-2 has advised that his general impression from his association with DUREM while in Cuernavaca, Mexico, is that DUREM in no way considers the latter area as a Mexican headquarters for his group and only comes to Mexico as his family lives there and because of the simple fact that he is able to attain a higher standard of living for himself and his family in Mexico.

MISCELLANEOUS

Regarding DUREM's attitude toward the United States forces in Korea, T-1 furnished the following information which he had obtained during a conversation with DUREM shortly after the latter's arrival in Los Angeles from Mexico City during July, 1950:

DUREM related that on his return trip he had stopped in a cafe in New Mexico and a waitress there had remarked to another customer that a local boy had been killed in Korea. DUREM remarked to T-1, "Gee, did that make me feel good."

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue to follow and report the subject's activities

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INFORMANT PAGE

Informant	Information	Date Furnished	Agent
T-1 CNDI [redacted]			
	Residence	12-11-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	Employment	12-11-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	Sabotage Intentions	7-8-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	"	7-23-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	Nancy Scott	12-11-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	DDisintegration of CP	18-26-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	Stockton trip	9-9-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	"	9-10-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	Mexico City trips	7-1-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
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	"	10-10-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	"	12-13-50	SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.
	Meetings		
	6-19-50	6-19-50	"
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	11-5-50	11-5-50	"
	Mexican Headquarters	12-6-50	"
	China	10-28-50	"
T-2 CNDI [redacted]			
	Re unknown man	10-26-50	"
	Sabotage Intentions	10-31-50	"
	"	11-1-50	"
	Mexico trip	10-8-50	SA VINCENT W. HUGHES, SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.

T-3 CNDI [redacted] who furnished information to SA WILLIAM E. DENT as reflected in report dated November 22, 1950 at San Francisco in captioned matter.

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T-4 CNDI [redacted] wh

Contacts with Durem 12-14-50 SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.

T-5 [redacted] as reflected in the report of SA JOHN N. SPEAKS dated October 18, 1950 at Mexico D.F.

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Form No. 1
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FILE NO. 61-374

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOS ANGELES	12/22/50	6/8-12/15/50	JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. AAD

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DUREM permanently resides at 932 N. Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California and is employed as a television repairman and continues as owner of the Easy Way Distributing Company, both of which he operates from his residence. DUREM was present and corroborated the feasibility of statements made by GEORGE HAGGERTY during July, 1950 when the latter outlined the possibility of using a radio detonated bomb for sabotage work. In October, 1950 DUREM, in discussing his group with an unknown male who indicated he is attempting to organize a splinter group, recommended to this person, "I suggest you go underground and try to put aside as much demolition material and weapons as you can." DUREM, when questioned as to whether the group was sufficiently organized to sabotage, remarked, "First we need to go among party members and show them how inactive the party is." DUREM while employed as a warehouseman in Stockton, Calif. from September 10, 1950 to September 23, 1950, was in contact with LEILA NOLAND, Secretary of the Stockton Communist Party. From July 1, 1950 to July 15, 1950 and from September 26, 1950 to October 10, 1950, subject was in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He departed again for Cuernavaca on December 13, 1950. While in Los Angeles, DUREM continues contact with his group by attending social gatherings.

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DETAILS:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP. IS DASH C. REMYTEL DEC. FOURTEEN LAST.

CNDI [redacted] ADVISED SUBJECT RAMEN DUREM RETURNED LA LATE JAN. FIVE. INFORMANT ADVISES SUBJECT GEORGE HAGGETY HAS RETURNED TO U.S. AND IS EXPECTED LA THIS DATE. OFFICES MAY DESIRE TO ORALLY ADVISE COLLECTORS OF CUSTOM IN RESPECTIVE AREAS RE SUBJECTS RETURN.

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PLS NOTE AQ, EP AND SA HAVE BEEN ADVISED SEP.

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SAC, Los Angeles

January 11, 1951

Director, FBI

RAMEN DUREM
SECURITY MATTER - C
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REBECCA DUREM
SECURITY MATTER - C
Bufile 100-368838

Re Albuquerque letter dated November 14, 1950, entitled "Dr. Lee Davidson Janis, was, Esp. - R," a copy of which was furnished your Office, which indicated that the Durems were close associates of Janis in Las Vegas, New Mexico, in 1943 and 1944. In view of this alleged association with an Espionage suspect, close attention should be given to your investigations concerning these subjects, and the Bureau should be promptly informed of all developments.

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Date: January 12, 1951

To: Legal Attache
Mexico, D. F.

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AIR POUCH

SECRET - AIR COURIER

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RAMEN DUREM, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Inasmuch as Durem has been residing in Mexico for sometime in the past, there are being furnished for your information the following reports relating to him:

Report of SA William E. Dent, November 22, 1950, San Francisco.
Report of SA John R. Higgins, Jr., June 7, 1950, Los Angeles.
Report of SA Merle R. Adams, July 26, 1949, Los Angeles.
Report of SA Francis Finley, June 10, 1946, El Paso.
Reports of SA Wilbur S. Newman, April 12, May 23, July 12, September 10, and October 29, 1945, Los Angeles.
Report of SA E. Bruce Ryder, August 7, 1944, Los Angeles.
Report of SA Lindian J. Swaim, May 28, 1943, San Francisco.
Report of SA William John Hurley, November 15, 1943, San Francisco.
Report of SA L. M. Fallaw, April 2, 1941, San Francisco.
Report of SA A. D. Horn, February 10, 1940, Los Angeles.

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cc: Foreign Service Desk

(The Legal Attache, Mexico is cognizant of subject's whereabouts and activities in Mexico)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 3, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-18549)

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FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated January 13,1951, entitled "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP - INTERNAL SECURITY - C", Bufile 100-369268. Referenced Los Angeles letter advised of the return of RAMEN DUREM to Los Angeles, California, and the subsequent theft of his automobile immediately after his arrival in Los Angeles and prior to his arrival at his residence address.

The letter further reflected that DUREM's automobile was recovered by the Los Angeles Police Department at approximately 1:30 P.M. on January 6, 1951, and impounded by them. At that time through the cooperation of CNDI [redacted] it was determined that the automobile contained nothing of importance in the investigation of the Factionalist Sabotage Group or of DUREM other than personal papers of his, relating to his service in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and in the United States Armed Forces.

Photographic copies of these personal papers are being included as an enclosure for the information of the Bureau. Pages 1 and 2 of the enclosure appear to be a passport issued by the Loyalist Forces in Spain, and reflect the residence address of DUREM in the United States at the time of his enlisting with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Page 3 through 21 are the record of DUREM's military service with the International Brigade and is numbered 92687. Page 22 is a photograph of DUREM's honorable discharge from the United States Navy, which was issued July 24, 1931. Page 23, 24, and 25 relates to DUREM's petition for Pension Certificate which was issued September 16,1932 and reflects his service record in the United States Navy from December 19, 1929 to the above date.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU

25 Photographic copies of
personal papers of RAMEN DUREM

Re: RAMEN DUREM, was.
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(Bufile 100-18549)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

February 3, 1951

SAC, Los Angeles

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REPÚBLICA ESPAÑOLA

Brigadas Internacionales

CARNET MILITAR

N.º 92684

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CAMISETAS
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CORREAJES
ART. DE ASEO
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REPÚBLICA ESPAÑOLA

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REM EXAMEN N.º 3772



Domicilio Halvut St. 1216, Berkely - Califor. R. Coon

Estado Celibataire Edad 30-1-1915

Profesión Etudiant

Organización P.C. Antifasciste Americain

Enrolado desde el 29-4-37

Albarete 18 de Maio de 1937.

Batallón

Compañía

Sección

Escuadra

Grado

Destinos especiales

Comandancia de la Brigada

Firma del interesado

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República Española

Número de la libreta 92637

Brigadas Internacionales

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CARNET MILITAR PARA

Apellidos DUREM

Nombre RAMEN

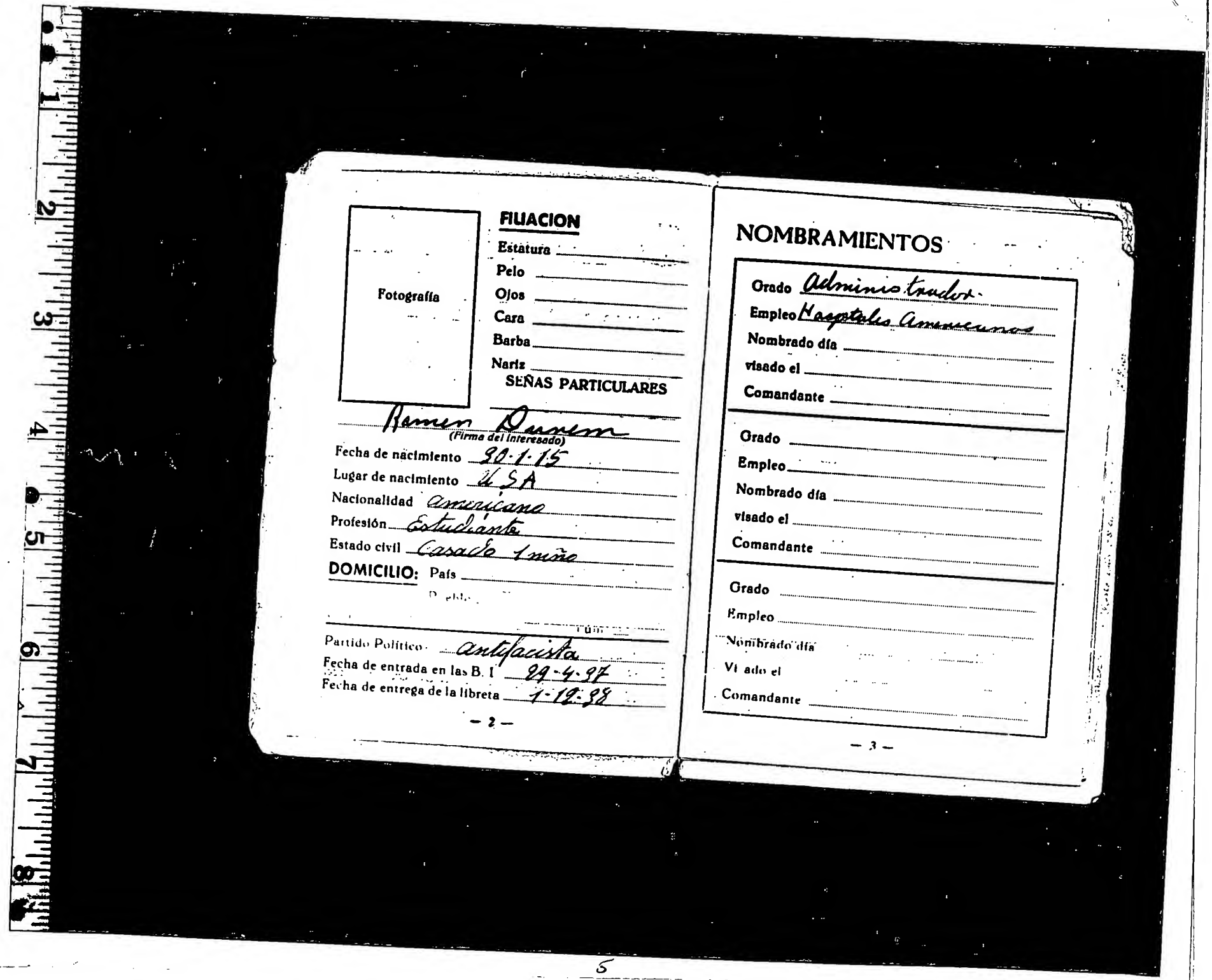
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(Firma del interesado)

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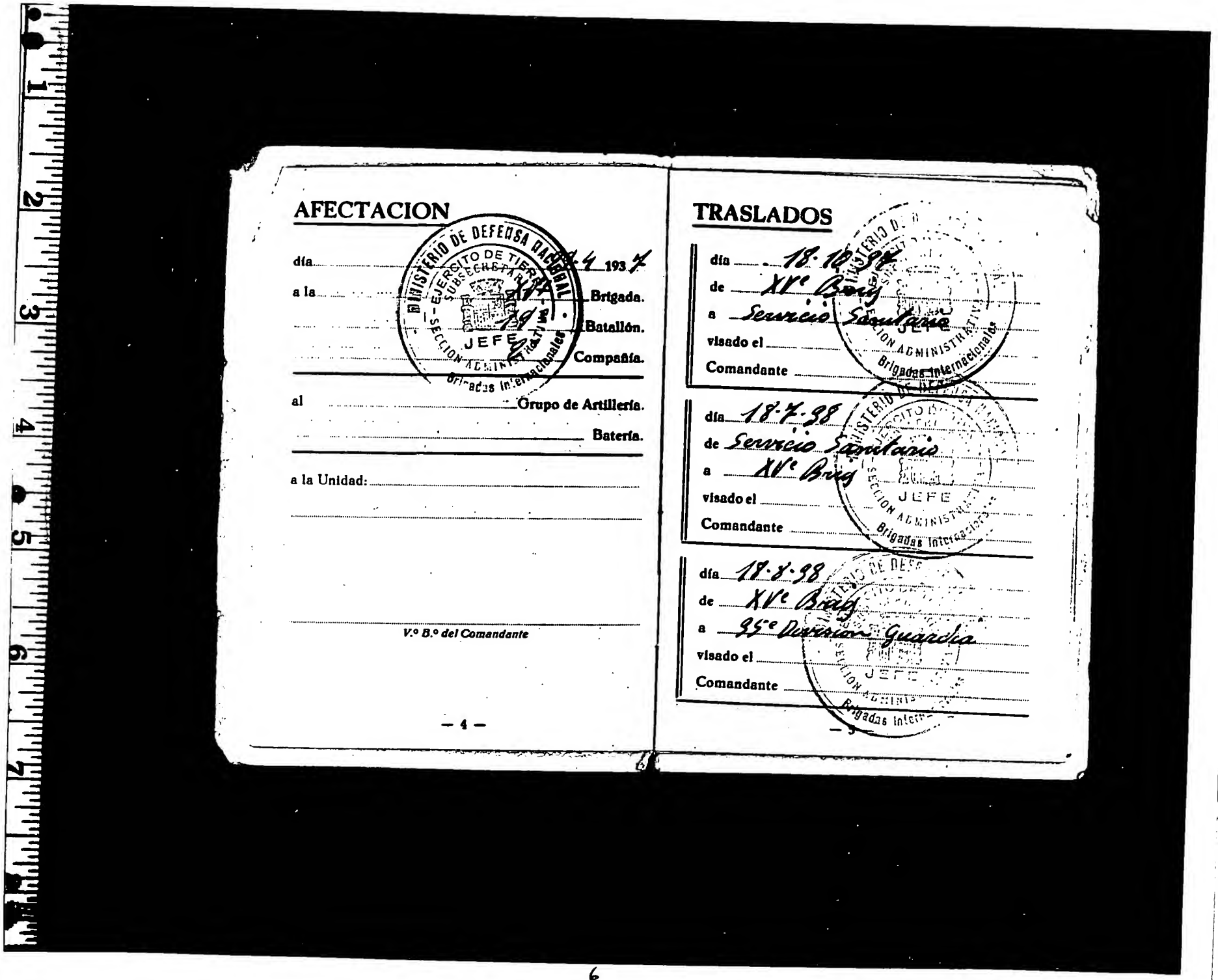
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a la Unidad:

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V.º B.º del Comandante

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a Servicio Sanitario

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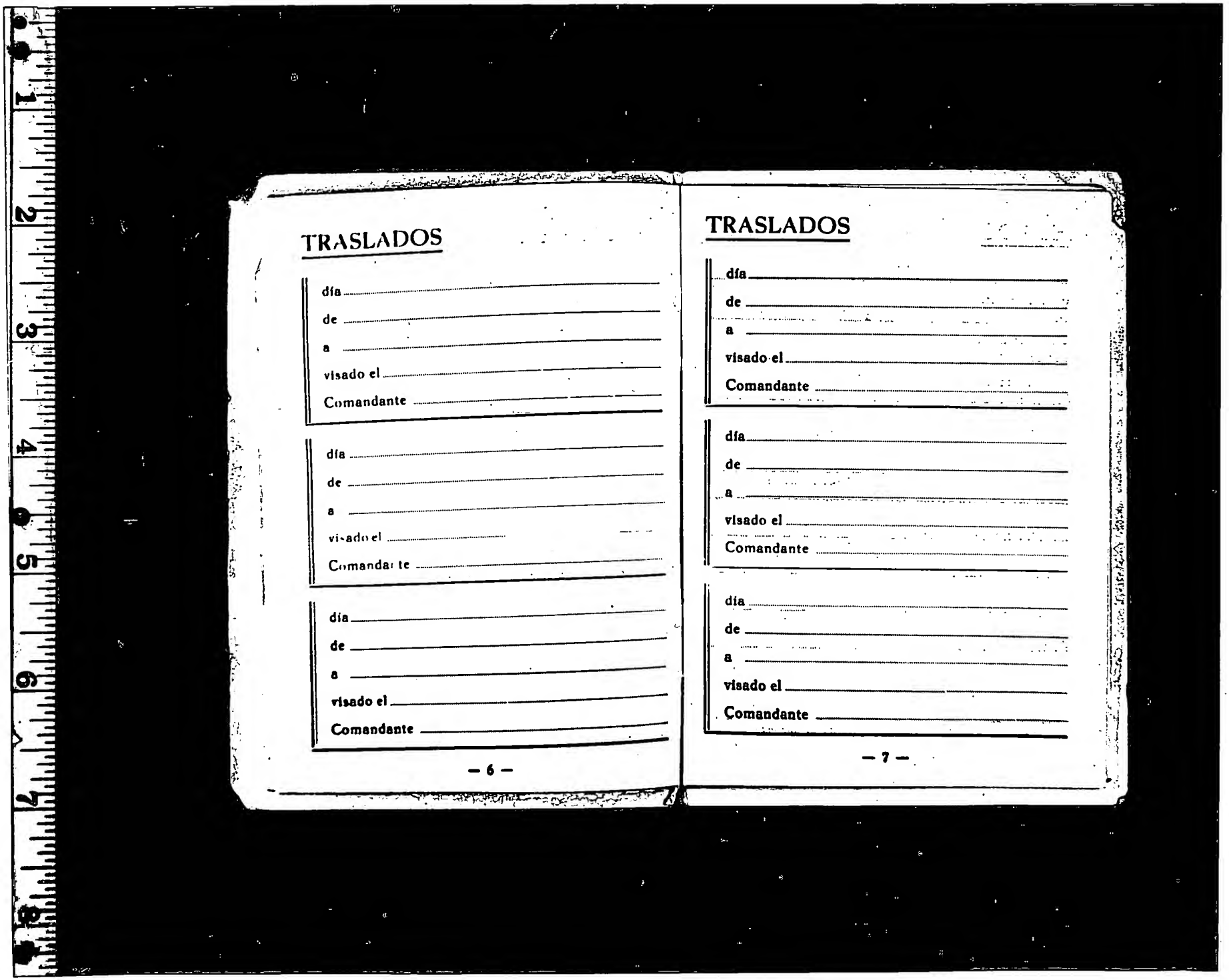
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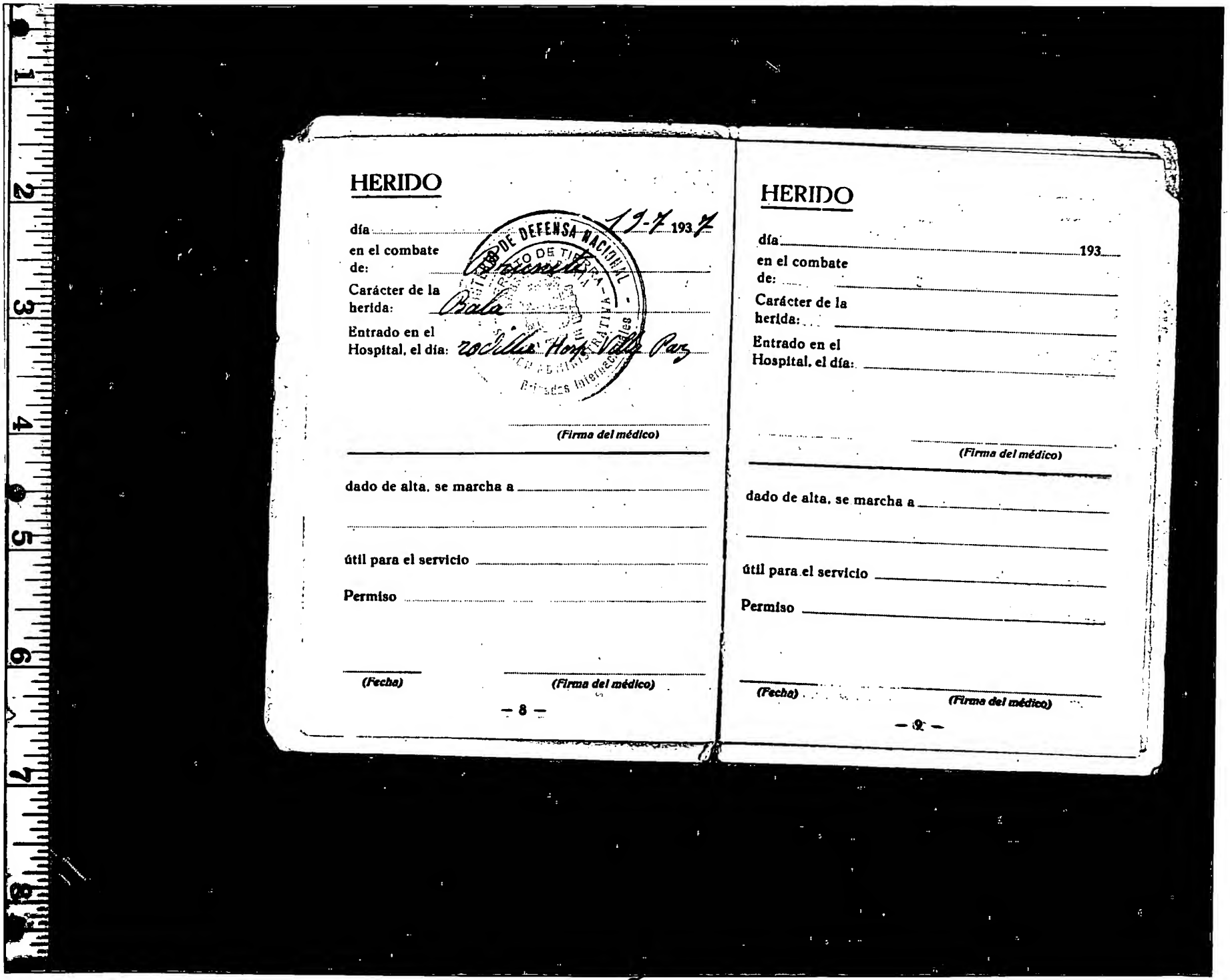
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en el combate de: Ortosilla

Carácter de la herida: Bala

Entrado en el Hospital, el día: 20 Hosp. Valle Paz

(Firma del médico)

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Permiso

(Fecha) (Firma del médico)

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HERIDO

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Carácter de la herida:

Entrado en el Hospital, el día:

(Firma del médico)

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(Fecha) (Firma del médico)

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(Firma del médico)

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(Firma del médico)

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PERMISOS

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SERVICIO EN EL FRENTE

de 19-6-37 a 19-1-38

Frente: Centro

Firma del Comandante

de 10-8-38 a 28-9-38

Frente: Ebro

Firma del Comandante

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Inventario del Equipo Completo

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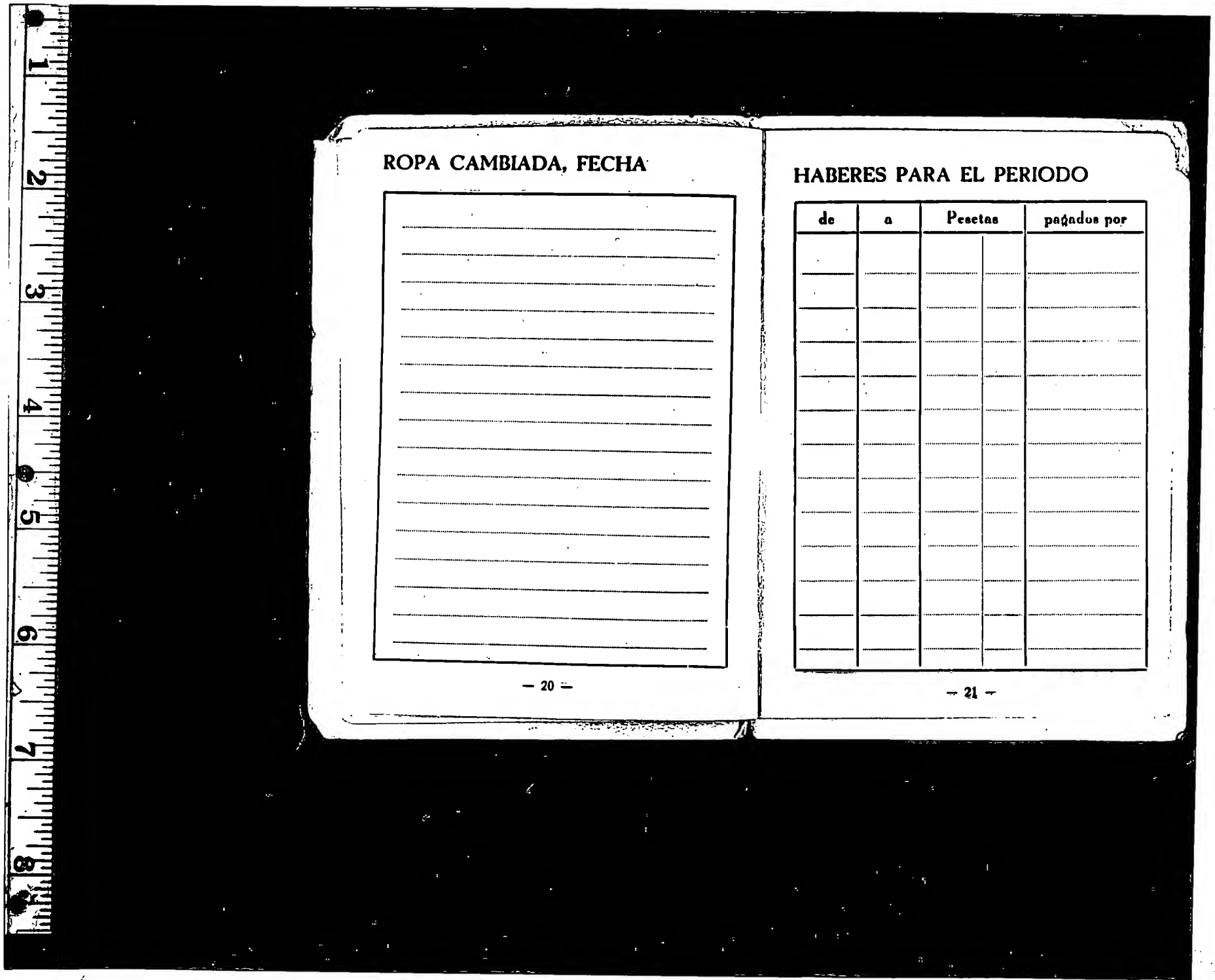
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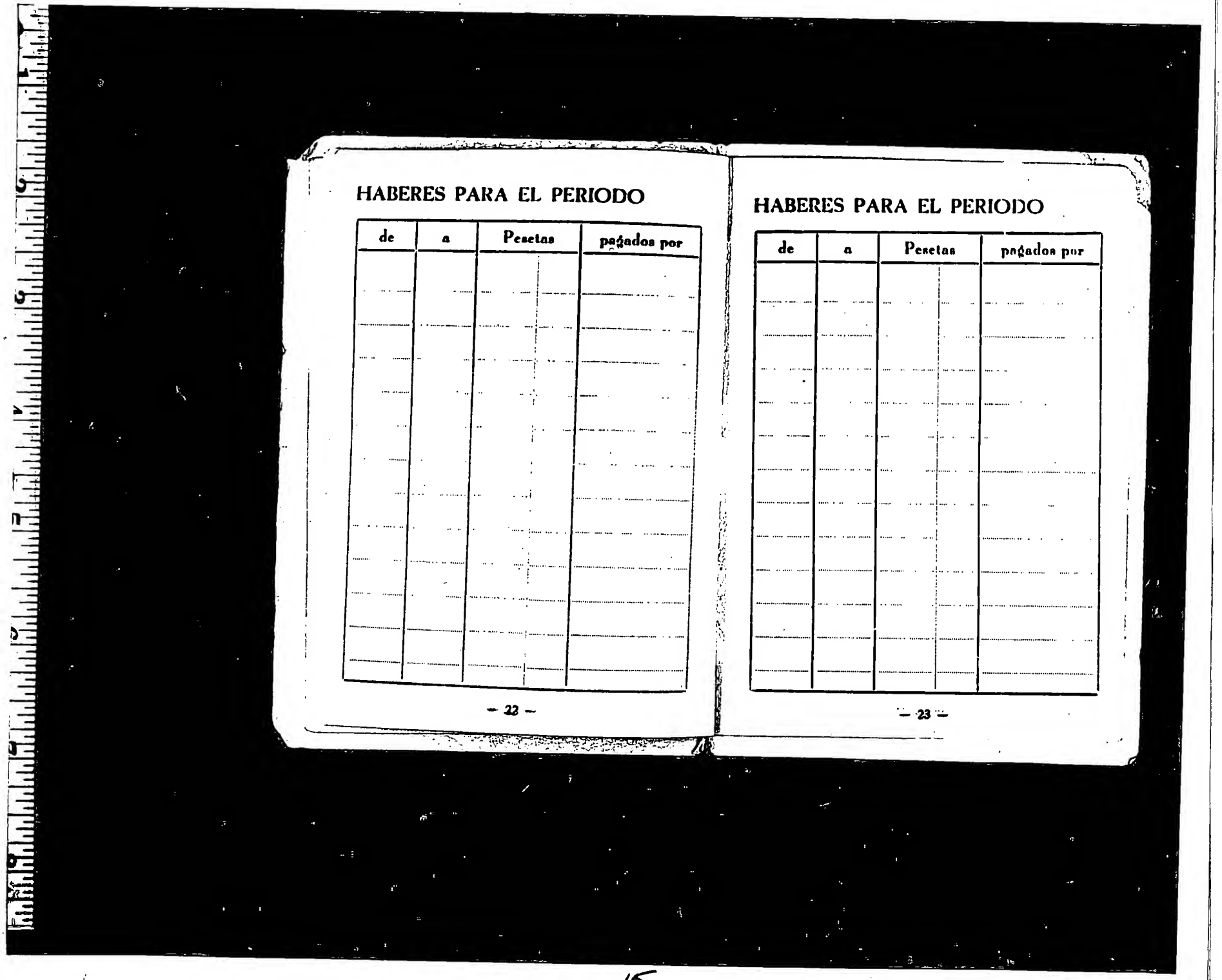
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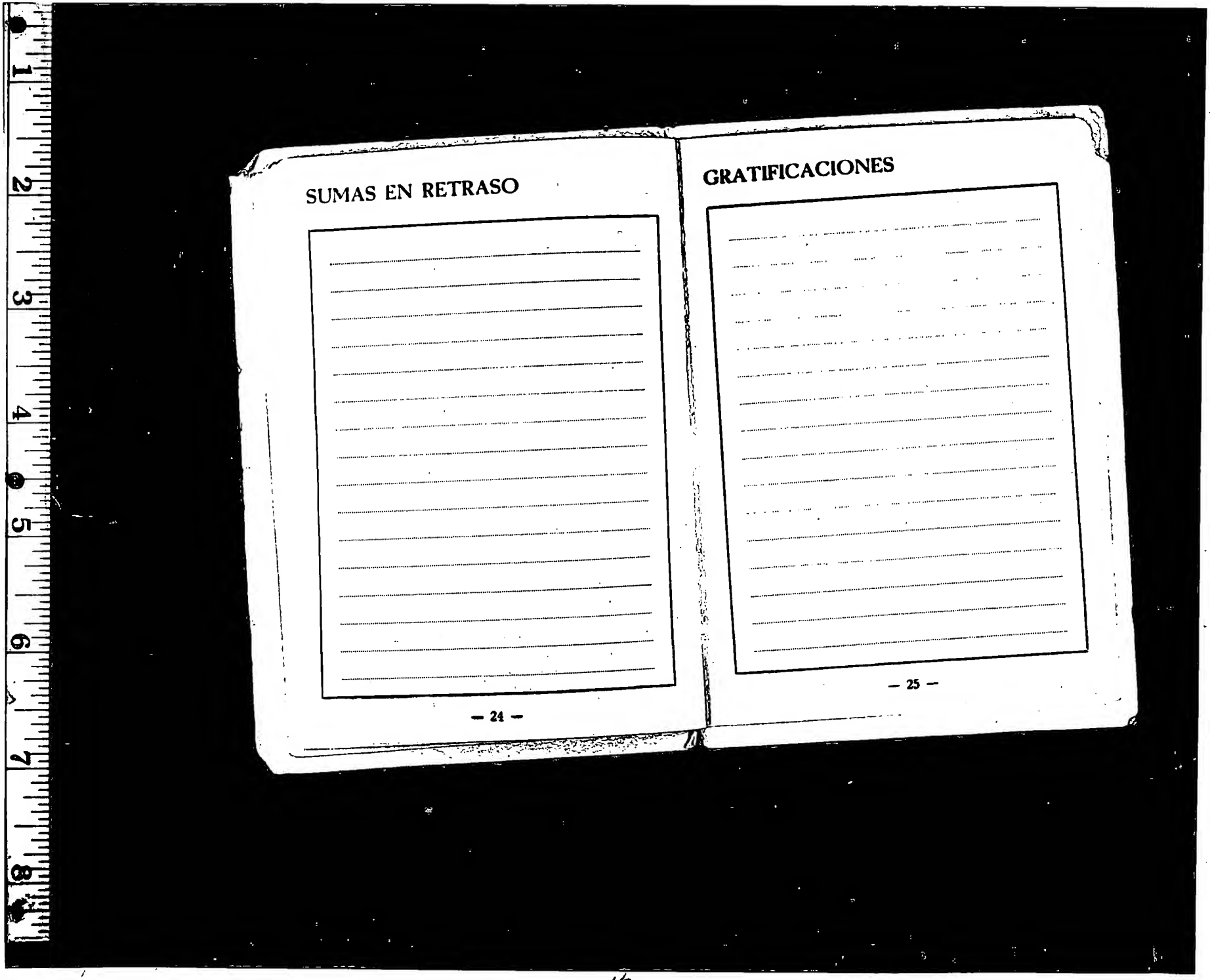
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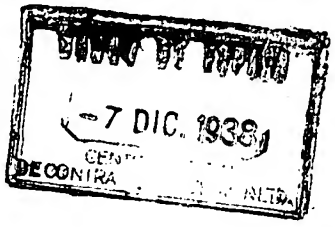
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DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE CONTRIBUCIÓN DE RENTAS
Debidamente para salir de Fregate con
Francisco Ramos
EL INSPECTOR



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El Titular de esta Cartilla [illegible]
nalidad de Retirada [illegible]
debidamente autorizado por la Superioridad,
después de haber prestado leal cooperación al
Gobierno de la República en pro de las liberta-
des del Pueblo Español en la Segunda Guerra
de su Independencia, habiendo observado siem-
pre buena conducta.

Barcelona, a 10 de Diciembre de 1938

EL JEFE DE LA SECCIÓN ADMINISTRATIVA DE LAS
BRIGADAS INTERNACIONALES.

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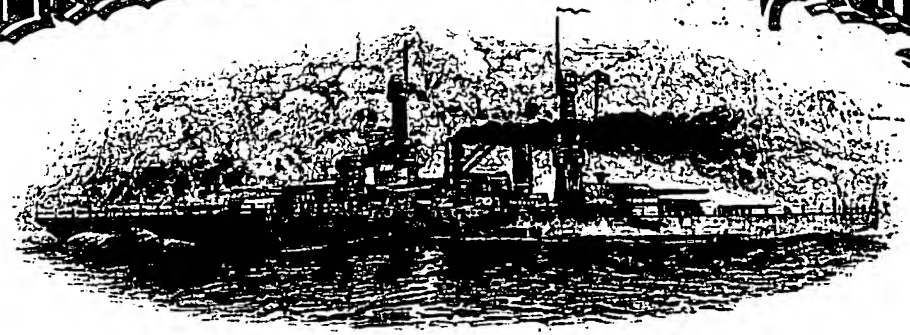
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Series C

Honorable Discharge



from the

United States Navy

This is to certify that

RAMEN DUREM, a SEAMAN SECOND CLASS

is Honorably Discharged from the U.S.NAVAL HOSPITAL MARE ISLAND

CALIFORNIA and from the Naval Service of the United States

this 24th day of JULY, 1931.

This certificate is awarded as a Testimonial of Fidelity and Obedience.

E.E. CURTIS.

Captain (MC) U.S. Navy.

N.Nav.6.(Aug.1924)

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That section forty-seven hundred and forty-five, title fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

*Sec. 4745.—Any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension which has been, or may hereafter be, granted, shall be void and of no effect, and any person who shall pledge, or receive as a pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension, or pension certificate, which has been, or may hereafter be granted or issued, or who shall hold the same as collateral security for any debt, or promise, or upon any pretext of such security, or promise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution; and any person who shall retain the certificate of a pensioner and refuse to surrender the same upon the demand of the Commissioner of Pensions, or a United States pension agent, or any other person authorized by the Commissioner of Pensions, or the pensioner, to receipt the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred [illegible] costs of the prosecution.

No. 1 1 4 2 3 8 8

PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

PAYABLE MONTHLY

BY THE

DISBURSING CLERK,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
VACCINATED
JUL 13 1950
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REGULAR ESTABLISHMENT

No. 1699388 NAVY Original

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United States of America

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States Ramen Durem who was a Seaman, 2nd Class, USS West Virginia is entitled to a pension at the rate of Eight dollars per month, to commence July 31, 1931

This pension being for: Injury of left foot

Given at the ~~Department of the Interior~~ Veterans Administration this sixteenth day of September one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-seventh

Frank T. Hines

Administrator of Veterans Affairs

Countersigned,

E. W. Morgan

Acting DIRECTOR of Pensions.

6—6842

Enlisted as Apprentice seaman (Rate) 10 December, 1929. (Date)

at Portland, Oregon *for* "Min" *years*

Born 30 January, 1912 (Date) *at* Seattle, Washington.

Qualifications ------

Two *Ratings held* AS., Sea2c.

--- *Certificates* -------

---- *Trade schools completed* -------

---- *Special duties for which qualified* ------

~~*Service (vessels and stations served on)*~~

USNRS Portland, Oregon. USNTS San Diego, Calif. USS West Virginia. USS Relief. USNH Mare Island, Calif. RS at San Francisco, Calif. USS California.

Rating at discharge Seaman second class {Acting / Permanent} 393-00-82 (Service Number)

Character of service excellent. *Final average* 3.62

J.R. Phelps

J.R. PHELPS, Comdr.(MC), *U. S. N.* and Executive Officer.

DISCHARGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED MEDICAL SURVEY.

Height 5 *ft.* 4 *in. Weight* 120 *lbs. Eyes* Blue & 12.

Hair Med. Lt. Brown. *Complexion* Ruddy

Personal marks, etc. ANT: S.1".rt.forehead; R.M. rt. abd; S.2".rt. palm; S. 1/2" rt.knee. POST.S.1" d.l.neck; P.M.l.neck. VSLA.



Is not *physically qualified for reenlistment* -----

I certify that this is the actual print of the right index finger of the man herein mentioned.

B.E. Twitchell

B.E. TWITCHELL, Lt.(jg) *U. S. N.* and Medical Officer.

Monthly rate of pay when discharged $36.00

I hereby certify that the within named man has been furnished travel allowance at the rate of 5 *cents per mile from* Mare Island Calif. *to* Portland Oregon

and paid $ ~~47.71~~ (Amount) *in full to date of discharge.*

Total net service for pay purposes *years* *months* *days.* Base pay

Ramon Dacuyan (Signature of man.)

Elory F. Carr Lieut. (SC) USN *U. S. N.* and Disbursing Officer.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 19, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-18549)

Re. report of SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR., dated December 22, 1950.

This individual, who is a key figure of the Los Angeles office, is the recognized leader of the group which has been designated as the FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C, Bufile 100-369268.

By Bureau letter dated February 8, 1951, the Bureau approved the placing of individual cases of persons associated with the above sabotage group in a closed status after conducting investigation reflecting complete background information and determining if investigation had been made of all subversive derogatory information available and a security index card had been recommended.

Complete information regarding DUREM has been submitted to the Bureau, and as previously indicated he is not only a security index card subject and tabbed for Detcom and Comsab, but is a key figure in this office.

Accordingly, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status and a report will be submitted by June 22, 1951.

The activities of the subject will continue to be reported in the organizational case and if information is received which warrants submission of a report prior to the above date, a report will be prepared and forwarded.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 1, 1951

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5-15-51 JDA

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was
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(Bureau File 100-~~0185~~18549)

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____ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

__X__ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE / SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Emmert Television Service, 3012½ North Broadway, Los Angeles, California

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

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Rerep of SA Timothy L. Donovan dated July 5, 1951.

Page 5 of referenced report contains information attributed to T-7; however, the administrative page fails to reflect the identity of this informant.

You are instructed to advise the Bureau as to the identity of Confidential Informant T-7 in order that the Bureau copies of the above report may be complete. Your copies of this report should be corrected accordingly.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RAMEN DUREM	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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DETAILS:

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PERSONAL HISTORY

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Employment:

T-1 stated in June, 1951, that DUREM is employed as a television repairman for the EMMERT TV SERVICE located at 3012½ North Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

ACTIVITIES

DUREM stated during January, 1950, according to T-1, "We are looking for men who've got plenty of guts that can sabotage the United States Government; and in the event of war, we want to try to minimize the loss of life to Russian soldiers".

During March, 1951, NANCY SCOTT stated, "It is not quite ready yet. It could be. Time is not right yet". T-1 then inquired if RAMEN had changed his mind, to which SCOTT answered, "No, I don't think so".

T-2 advised in April, 1951, that RAMEN DUREM had stated that the United States is losing in the current conflict; and that while the Communist Party lacked leadership to take advantage of the United States weaknesses, the United States is falling apart through its own weight; and that, consequently, there is no need of his working at this time.

In January, 1951, T-1 advised in a discussion with MERRILL SANTIAGO that SANTIAGO had stated it was a shame that DUREM with his intellectual knowledge and his leadership ability acts in the manner that he does, stating that he should not fight, bicker, and argue as he has been doing in the past six months but should organize the group into a harmonious unit. SANTIAGO remarked that she completely and entirely distrusts DUREM, and that she desires to have nothing to do with him.

T-3 advised in April, 1951, that ALICE HAGGERTY had stated during March, 1951, that her friends, as well as the majority of the individuals who have in the past frequented DUREM's residence, have become disgusted with him and his activities, knowing that RAMEN DUREM and MOLLY ZEAVIN are constantly together, seem to be shunning their old associates for newly-acquired Negro associates, and attend with a degree of regularity Friday night socials held in the Negro section of Los Angeles.

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T-3, during May, 1951, advised that DUREM was entertaining two Negroes at his home, neither of whom DUREM knew well, but that DUREM was endeavoring to introduce the visitors to some of the rudiments of Communism, primarily basing a discussion on the analogy of Christ being a leader of the common people in Jerusalem who led a revolt against the Jewish property owners. T-3 advised that DUREM's analogy was fitting inasmuch as the visitors seemed to possess a religious background.

T-2 and T-3 have both advised that DUREM frequently will cleverly cloak his conversations with a strong personal appeal utilizing personalities and experiences of the individuals to whom he is directing his conversation.

T-3, who originally met DUREM in New Mexico, stated in conversation with DUREM in January, 1951, DUREM has expressed the desire to go to New Mexico where he felt people "know the score" and believed that if he were given this opportunity, he would end up with an organization that would be much stronger than the Communist Party. However, T-3 continued, DUREM gave no indication of a plan to develop this thought.

T-3, during January, 1951, advised that he attended a social gathering at DUREM's residence, 932 North Lucile Avenue, at which time subject stated that in recent years the Communist Party has been terrifically ineffective due mainly to the fact that the base of the membership was too wide, explaining when only the working class on a true Marxist theory was included in the Party, the Communist Party then made sense; but that since the inclusion of the middle class in the party, it is difficult to explain Marxism as applied to the Party logically; and as a result, the Party has become exceedingly ineffective.

T-1, T-2, T-3, and T-4, all of whom have associated with individuals previously referred to as members of the group, advise that DUREM is seldom seen at any gatherings where the other members are present; and that of the older associates, he only continues a friendly relationship with MOLLY ZEAVIN and NANCY SCOTT.

T-1, T-3, and T-4 each have advised that DUREM, SCOTT, and ZEAVIN appeared to be associating at the present time nearly entirely with members of the Negro race, and T-5

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advised in April, 1951, that DUREM is not inclined to be in the company of individuals of the white race other than perhaps MOLLY ZEAVIN and has referred to his dislike for white individuals by saying, "His face is too white".

DUREM has held social gatherings at his residence, 932 North Ducile Avenue, on the following dates during 1951, according to T-1:

January 14, 1951.	March 24, 1951.
January 21, 1951.	April 9, 1951.
January 26, 1951.	April 21, 1951.
February 3, 1951.	May 20, 1951.
February 24, 1951.	June 6, 1951.
	June 13, 1951.

T-1 and T-3 each advised that these gatherings were informal and social in nature, and that there was no indication of any formal organizational structure.

During January, 1951, T-6 advised that on the evening of January 30, 1951, two associates of the group, RAY SHEEHAN and WILSON DEVILLE, together with an unidentified individual named RUBY were refused service at a Los Angeles bar due to the fact that two of the above-mentioned individuals were Negroes. The above individuals immediately left the bar and communicated with RAMEN DUREM advising him of the event. DUREM decided that the proper action was "to take the joint apart". DUREM endeavored to contact other associates for assistance; but being unable to do so, no further action was taken. T-6 advised that the individuals including DUREM, had they been egged on sufficiently, would have attempted some sort of physical violence against the bar as well as against the individual who refused them service.

T-3 in June, 1951, advised that in conversation with MOLLY ZEAVIN on June 7, 1951, she had stated that it was difficult to educate the Negroes due to the fact that the Negroes will lose interest over a period of time in a program which requires thought and reflection, and that their interest is easily lost. T-3 believed that ZEAVIN was parroting statements made by RAMEN DUREM and gathered that DUREM and ZEAVIN were encountering difficulty with their newly-acquired Negro associates. However, T-3 was not able to ascertain what ZEAVIN meant in her use of the term "educate" but believed it was with reference to Marxist indoctrination.

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Mexican Activity:

T-6 advised that DUREM on his visit to Mexico in the fall of 1950 did nothing except drink beer, loaf in the swimming pool, and there was no reason to believe that he was engaged in any Communist activity. T-6 further stated that during October, 1950, RAMEN DUREM visited CARLOS SANCHEZ (CARDENAS), local leader of an off-shoot group of the Communist Party of Mexico, at which time he advised SANCHEZ that he was sympathetic with SANCHEZ's movement because the same type of thing had happened to him in the United States, and it was time the Communist Party got leaders who were correct in their philosophy and forceful in their action.

During December, 1950, T-5 advised that DUREM left Los Angeles to spend the Christmas Holidays at Cuernavaca, Mexico. T-6 advised that during his stay in Cuernavaca DUREM again appeared to be merely on a vacation but in conversation with T-6 advised that he is very active with the Negro groups in the United States and gave the impression that he is doing important work. T-6 advised that DUREM again was critical of the Communist Party leaders in the United States, stating that almost all of them were guilty of personal opportunism and stated that even HARRY BRIDGES has recently shown this trait because he has failed to support recent strikes of his men in an effort to be on good terms with the American Government.

T-6 advised that LINI STOUMAN, who was referred to as the person in charge of the Mexico City Headquarters of the group, is presently estranged from DUREM and decries the manner of living of such alleged radicals as the subject who she regards as cynics who are of little or no use to the laboring man.

T-1 in April, 1951, advised that on April 22, 1951, subject left Los Angeles for Cuernavaca and returned to Los Angeles on May 8, 1951. Again T-1 advised that this visit was apparently entirely social in nature, and that no information has come to his attention of any subversive activity with reference to DUREM and the trip. The apparent reason for the trip was a visit with his family and an opportunity to relax inexpensively.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to follow and report the subject's activities.

INFORMANTS

T-1 CNDI [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. on 1/25/50, 1/31/51, 3/25/51, 1/6/51, 1/26/51, 2/3/51, 2/11/51; and to SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN on 4/21/51, 5/12/51, 5/19/51, 5/24/51.

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T-2 CNDI [redacted] who furnished information to SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN on 4/14/51.

T-3 [redacted] a potential CNDI, who furnished information to SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN on 5/22/51 and 6/18/51; and to SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. on 1/14/51 and 2/24/51.

T-4 [redacted] a former associate and member of the group, who furnished information to SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN on 4/2/51 and 5/2/51.

T-5 CNDI [redacted] who furnished information to SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN on 4/25/51 and 5/21/51.

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Title: FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP

Character of Case: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Administrative Details:

Ramon Durem

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[Mexico, D.F., Mexico] (C)
May 11, 1951

Re: FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP

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SYNOPSIS:

LINI STOUMEN now residing Taxco #12, Cuernavaca, Mexico, and she sub-lets part of the premises to an American girl named PEGGY WELCH. STOUMEN has received notice from Mexican Government her application for permanent residence has been denied but she is continuing efforts to have this matter straightened out favorably for herself. If she fails she plans to renew her tourist card by making trip to Central America. She continues to be personally estranged from members of the RAMEN DUREN group and they appear to be principally interested in easy living. RAMEN DUREN visited Cuernavaca during April, 1951, returning to California at the end of the first week in May. ALBERT MALTZ, with his wife, arrived Mexico City 4-3-51 and are now residing in a home in Cuernavaca obtained for them by LINI STOUMEN. The MALTZ-S' two children were later brought to Cuernavaca from the U.S. by Mrs. MALTZ' sister, CATHERINE LARKIN. MALTZ intends to reside in Mexico more or less permanently and he is writing a book which has to do with his prison experiences. He has been visited by GORDON KAHN and ROBERT ROSSEN and by ELENA VAZQUEZ (GOMEZ), who is of the Mexican peace movement. He has also been visited by a Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HELLER or ELLER (phonetic). LINI STOUMEN is acting as MALTZ' personal advisor and secretary and she is instrumental in seeing that the RAMEN DUREN group does not have much contact with MALTZ. (C)

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DETAILS:

At Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico

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T-1 has advised that LINI STOUMEN is now residing at the address Taxco #12 in Cuernavaca. She rented the premises recently for 450 pesos a month and she sub-rents the large house on the premises to an American girl named PEGGY WELCH, who pays 350 pesos a month to LINI. LINI resides in a small building on the premises. In that way, LINI obtains very cheap rent. T-1 has advised that PEGGY WELCH has an automobile with 1950 New York plates R 293. LINI STOUMEN has advised T-1 that PEGGY WELCH has a considerable amount of money in the bank and is considered quite wealthy.

It is noted that the English language Mexico City daily, "The News," for February 23, 1951 carried the following news item in a society column called "Cuernavaca Highlights": "....Peggy Welch, formerly of the Washington Post, has arrived to finish a book and has taken a house on Calle Taxco where LINI DE VRIES also moves into a nearby casa...."

T-1 has advised that he has no information with respect to the political sympathies of PEGGY WELCH and he has received no indication that she has Communist sympathies.

T-1 has advised that when LINI STOUMEN moved to the new address, Taxco #12, ESTHER SHEEHAN, who had been living with her, moved to the establishment of REBECCA DUREM at Loyva #66.

T-1 has advised that during the latter part of April, 1951, LINI STOUMEN received word from the Mexican Department of Gobernación (Interior) that her application for permanent residence in Mexico had been turned down. LINI was thereafter very sad and dejected and she told T-1 that she would continue her efforts through her lawyer but if those efforts failed, she would then have to continue with a tourist card and she would make a trip by air to Guatemala and El Salvador when her present tourist card expired. Once outside of Mexico, she would obtain a new card and return.

LINI STOUMEN has advised T-1 that the lawyer, BENITO NOYOLA, confidentially informed her that he had spoken to Mr. ARCADIO OJEDA of Gobernación. OJEDA had said that URUCHURTU had rejected the application due to a special request

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from the American Embassy in Mexico City. The reference to an individual named URUCHURTU is a reference to Licenciado ERNESTO P. URUCHURTU, Under-Secretary of Gobernación. (S)

T-1 advised that LINI STOUMEN is interested in the serious matters pertaining to earning a living and living according to her beliefs and, accordingly, she has nothing to do with the RAMEN DUREM group. The situation has now reached the point where STOUMEN scarcely speaks to the members of the DUREM group when she meets them on the street in Cuernavaca. T-1 has advised that the women in the RAMEN DUREM group appear to be interested in taking things easy and having a good time and they appear to have no serious interests. This group, as it is constituted at present, is made up of "BECKY" DUREM; FREDERICKA MARTIN; HELEN FEIS; "RACKA," who is identical with Mrs. RACKHAM HOLT; ESTHER SHEEHAN; BETTY SANFORD; AVE MARIA BRUZZICHESI and various Mexico City College students who are friends of AVE MARIA BRUZZICHESI. BETTY SANFORD is believed to be identical with the girl named BETTY who, in the referenced report, was stated to be residing with REBECCA DUREM and to have a Chrysler car with 1950 New York plates 9 C 7607. T-1 stated that AVE MARIA BRUZZICHESI is now attending Mexico City College in Mexico City but spends a considerable part of her leisure time in Cuernavaca. (S)

RAMEN DUREM visited Cuernavaca about the middle of April, 1951 and he planned to return to California by air on May 7, 1951. T-1 stated that he had no important contact with LINI STOUMEN and, in fact, his relations with his wife REBECCA appear to have deteriorated. He seemed to be in Cuernavaca principally for the purpose of visiting his children and on one occasion he took his older daughter for a week-end in Mexico City to see a bull fight. According to LINI STOUMEN, RAMEN DUREM, during his last visit, told his wife that she should feel free to go ahead and have love affairs with any men she desires in Cuernavaca and that he would feel free to live his own life in California. (S)

T-1 has advised that FREDERICKA MARTIN has at her house as either house guests or boarders two men whom LINI STOUMEN refers to as "anarchists." LINI has said that one should have nothing to do with these two anarchists since they are dangerous persons and not only dangerous to the U.S. but also to Mexico. T-1 has thus far not identified these two persons who live with MARTIN. LINI STOUMEN is not as friendly with FREDERICKA MARTIN as formerly since MARTIN now goes about (S)

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more in the DUREM group and it seems principally engaged in having a good time. "BECKY" DUREM still acts as chauffeur in driving her about in her jeep.

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T-1 has advised that Mrs. RACKHAM HOLT and HELEN FEIS continue to reside at Humboldt #24 in Cuernavaca.

T-1 advised that LINI STOUMEN has spoken to him about a Basque named MARIO SALIAGES. This person has recently come to Cuernavaca and has seemingly attempted to become very friendly with the STOUMEN group. LINI thinks that he is a Franco agent at the service of the U.S. Government. She is very cautious when he is about and she tries to avoid him.

T-1, through LINI STOUMEN, has met ALBERT MALTZ. Since approximately 4 months ago STOUMEN had been trying to rent a house for the MALTZ family as she had reached an understanding with them that as soon as ALBERT MALTZ was released from the Federal prison camp in West Virginia, he and his family would come to Cuernavaca to establish more or less permanent residence. STOUMEN finally succeeded in renting a large house which is approximately across the street from where she lives at Taxco #12. This large house is called "Posada San Jorge Inn" and it is in Colonia Vista Hermosa on Taxco Street. The house is large with 5 bedrooms, a staff of servants, and a swimming pool. STOUMEN arranged so that the servants are the same ones that CONSTANCIA DE LA MORA had at her place in Acapatzingo, Cuernavaca, prior to her death. MALTZ has been in Cuernavaca approximately 3 weeks and he gives the impression of having considerable money. STOUMEN has explained that MALTZ has a "reactionary" brother in the U.S. who has sold various properties and given the proceeds to ALBERT MALTZ. MALTZ hopes to obtain the status of a "rentista" in Mexico and thus have the right to permanent residence. As a "rentista" the principal requirement is the showing of an independent income which will enable the individual in question to reside in Mexico without working. MALTZ has engaged the woman lawyer, CARMEN OTERO (GAMA), sister-in-law of VICENTE LOMBARDO (TOLEDANO), to handle the case for him with Gobernación (Interior).

LINI STOUMEN thus far has been acting as a sort of personal counselor and private secretary to MALTZ. He is reciprocating by offering her economic aid with respect to her obtaining papers to reside in Mexico.

T-1 has ascertained from flight records of American Airlines in Mexico City that ALBERT MALTZ and MARGARET LARKIN

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MALTZ were passengers arriving in Mexico City from New York on American Airlines Flight 153 on April 3, 1951. The flight records reflect that from the airport they were going to the Hotel Reforma in Mexico City. The flight records further reflected that CATHERINE LARKIN, together with the children, PETER MALTZ, 13 years of age, and CATHERINE MALTZ, 18 years of age, were passengers arriving in Mexico City from New York on American Airlines Flight 153 on April 21, 1951. The records reflect they had gone to the Hotel del Prado in Mexico City.

T-1 has advised that the household of the MALTZ family in Cuernavaca at present consists of ALBERT and Mrs. MALTZ, together with the children, PETER and CATHERINE, and Mrs. MALTZ' sister, CATHERINE LARKIN. STOUMEN has told T-1 that the MALTZ children are adopted children but that they are loved intensively by their foster parents who see in them a chance to perpetuate the ideology in which the MALTZ-S believe. The MALTZ children are being placed in the Agnes MacKelvey School in Cuernavaca, which has been previously referred to. It is noted that LINI STOUMEN has done some part-time teaching at that school and she has been hoping that her immigration status would be arranged so that she could freely and openly accept employment.

T-1 said that during the time ALBERT MALTZ has been in Cuernavaca, he has had several significant visits. One of his first visitors was GORDON KAHN, who now resides in Tetela, Cuernavaca. Another visitor was ROBERT ROSSEN, the producer of the motion picture "The Brave Bulls." According to information given T-1 by LINI STOUMEN, MALTZ is being extremely careful and circumspect in his remarks to persons in Cuernavaca but with ROSSEN and with KAHN he has discussed a matter which appears to be of interest to them. That involves setting up in Mexico a motion picture producing company which can operate free from the control of the U.S. Government and which can employ persons who are political refugees from Hollywood and other parts of the U.S. GORDON KAHN has apparently been interested in this project for some time and believes such a company could both make money and serve a useful purpose for the cause.

On April 29th, according to T-1, ELENA VAZQUEZ (GOMEZ) brought a group of friends to Cuernavaca to be presented to ALBERT MALTZ. It is to be noted that ELENA VAZQUEZ (GOMEZ) has been an important figure in the setting up of the Communist-inspired world peace movement in Mexico. The group which she brought to introduce to MALTZ is understood to have been principally composed of persons from the Mexican peace movement.

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According to T-1, LINI STOUMEN personally dislikes ELENA VAZQUEZ (GOMEZ) and has referred to her as a lesbian, but STOUMEN admits that VAZQUEZ (GOMEZ) is serving a useful purpose in helping promote the world peace campaign.

T-1 has advised that on May 6, 1951 an American and his wife came to see MALTZ and they brought with them a young Malayan named GEORGE. GEORGE is understood to have been a member of a California Communist group and he is now fleeing persecution in the U.S. and hopes to live in Mexico. T-1 said that the American couple was a Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HELLER or ELLER (phonetic).

T-1 has advised that ALBERT MALTZ has assigned himself a strict 6-day-a-week working schedule at his home and this has to do with his writing a book. The book will deal with his prison experiences and will give special emphasis to the racial problem of the colored people in the U.S. LINI STOUMEN has said that ALBERT MALTZ was confined with many colored people at the Federal prison farm and so he has gained a very valuable social insight into their problems. MALTZ at present works at his book from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and from 4 P.M. to 9 P.M. every day except Sundays. On Sunday afternoons it has already become a custom for the MALTZ-S to hold a sort of open house at their home and there is a considerable gathering of people about the swimming pool in the yard. T-1 states it appears that these visitors are mostly of leftist political thought.

T-1 has advised that on the night of May 5, 1951 Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT MALTZ went to dinner at the home of Mrs. HEMINGWAY in Cuernavaca. By Mrs. HEMINGWAY it is believed that the reference is to MARTHA GELLHORN, one of the divorced wives of ERNEST HEMINGWAY.

T-1 has stated that the RAMEN DUREM group has practically no contact with ALBERT MALTZ and LINI STOUMEN has principally seen to that. LINI STOUMEN recalls that while MALTZ was in prison, RAMEN DUREM made very cynical and sarcastic remarks concerning MALTZ and showed no sympathy towards him. STOUMEN has told MALTZ of this and has counseled MALTZ to keep away from the DUREM group.

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By letter of April 9, 1951 in this case a lead was set out suggesting that the Bureau check the identity of a girl named BETTY who was residing with "BECKY" DUREM and who had a green Chrysler car with 1950 New York plates 9 C 7607. It is still believed advisable to investigate this lead but it is considered that very probably the BETTY referred to is identical with BETTY SANFORD, who is mentioned in instant report.

During RAMEN DUREM'S most recent visit to Cuernavaca, he had no extensive contact with T-1. This was because he had dropped a postcard in T-1's post office box in Mexico City asking T-1 to telephone him but T-1 did not receive this postcard until the eve of DUREM'S departure. Accordingly, although DUREM was personally very interested in continuing his friendship with T-1, the two persons did not have an opportunity for a conversation. T-1 met DUREM on the street in Cuernavaca on the night before DUREM'S departure but T-1 was with personal enemies of DUREM and, accordingly, had no opportunity to talk. The postcard which DUREM left for T-1 is enclosed to the Bureau since it contains a handwriting specimen of DUREM. T-1's name and post office box have been cut out in the interest of discretion.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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THE MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico

Will, through T-1, maintain contact with LINI STOUMEN and with other elements of the subject group.

Will attempt to identify the two persons residing with FREDERICKA MARTIN in Cuernavaca who have been referred to by LINI STOUMEN as "anarchists."

Will attempt to identify the American couple named Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HELLER or ELLER (phonetic), who are said to have visited ALBERT MALTZ at his home in Cuernavaca on May 6, 1951 and to have brought with them a young Malayan named GEORGE who considers himself a political refugee from California.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU:

Postcard containing the handwriting of RAMON DUREM.

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REFERENCE

Report SA JOHN N. SPEAKES, 4-9-51, [Mexico, D.F.] (S)

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU;
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Re: FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP
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Bufile 100-369268
Mexico file 100-619 (C)

Report SA JOHN N. SPEAKES,
5-11-51, Mexico, D.F. (C)

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TARJETA POSTAL

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Postal Card

Felicidades - estoy aquí en su país apartado México
Maravillosa. Hacemos
el favor de Telephonear
me á 620 Cuernavaca - CONFIDENTIAL
y vendremos tan pronto
que puedes - Ramon Dunem


HOTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: November 14, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-39823)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebulet to Los Angeles 8/9/51 and report of SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN dated 7/5/51 at Los Angeles.

On Page 5 in referenced report information is incorrectly attributed to T-7. This information should be attributed to T-6, who is [redacted] as set out in reports of SA JOHN M. SPEAKES dated 2/15/51 and 4/9/51.

The Los Angeles Office has corrected its copies of the referenced report accordingly, and it is suggested that rather than submitting an amended page that the copies at the Bureau be changed accordingly.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: December 4, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-39823)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Rerep SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN, Los Angeles, 7/5/51 and Bulet to Los Angeles dated 2/8/51 entitled "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", Bufile: 100-369268.

Subject DUREM continues to reside at 932 North Lucille Avenue, Los Angeles, and is still employed by the Emmert Television Service, 3012½ North Broadway, Los Angeles.

[redacted] who continue to have frequent contact through their business with individuals who have been identified as members of a group composed of veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, expelled Communist Party members and Communist Party members who had dropped membership of their own volition, whose alleged expressed purpose was sabotage against the United States in the event of war with Russia, during the past six months have consistently reported that RAMEN DUREM's activities are divorced from the activities of the above described group of which he appeared to be the leader during 1949 - 1950.

The above informants advise that DUREM's associates and activities reflect no apparent intention of organizing such a group as described above, and that he has personally evidenced strong indifference toward international affairs as well as to all Communist line activities.

In view of the above, DUREM is being removed as a key figure in the Los Angeles Office but will continue to be carried on the Security Index, tabbed DETCOM and COMSAB due to his background and statements attributed to him during the past.

As set out in referenced Bulet dated 2/8/51, this case is being placed in a closed status, all pertinent background information having been established and set out in previous reports; however, in the event that DUREM's activities dictate additional coverage, the case will be re-opened and the Bureau promptly advised.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: May 21, 1952

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-39823)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Easy Way Distributing Company from residence address

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 364 East 42nd Place, Los Angeles, California

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(1-2-51)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: April 2, 1953

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-39823)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Traveling Salesman - Self employed

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 2004 Berkeley Avenue - Los Angeles, California

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/11/53

FROM : SAC, Phoenix

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was
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SECURITY MATTER - C

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Re L.A. let 4/28/53.

DAVE COLLEN, 2829 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona, advised RAMEN DUREM, together with GILBERT VANDINE HOUSTON and ARTHUR HAROLD LANDIS, resided in a small court directly behind his place of business from February 21 to April 4, 1953, at which time he moved owing approximately $60. He stated DUREM furnished his address as 932 Lucille, Los Angeles, California. Mr. COLLEN said DUREM is presently employed in Tucson, Arizona, as a television salesman, place of employment unknown. He furnished telephone No. 42061 as number where DUREM might be located.

HARRY AGRON, co-owner, American TV and Air Conditioning Company, 526 N. Fourth, Tucson, telephone 42061, advised DUREM has been employed as a commission TV salesman and repairman for past several months. He was unable to furnish any home address for DUREM, stating he was contacted, when necessary, at 41689, Tucson. AGRON advised DUREM is a satisfactory employee and to the best of his knowledge, DUREM gives every intention of remaining in the Tucson area.

It was determined telephone No. 41689 is assigned to Mr. and Mrs. FRED and ALMA MILLER, 224 W. Third, Tucson, Arizona. 1953 Tucson city directory reflects FRED MILLER is employed as a cook, business address unknown.

Discreet surveillance revealed an unlicensed 1950 Cadillac green 2-door sedan parked in driveway of 224 W. Third. DAVE COLLEN reported RAMEN DUREM to be the owner of such a vehicle.

LOS ANGELES is requested to furnish photograph of DUREM, if available, in order that additional inquiry may be made in the vicinity of 224 W. Third, Tucson, to positively establish this address as DUREM's present residence.

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Reurlet dated June 16, 1953.

In view of subject's revolutionary statements in the past and his activities with subversive groups as recently as 1950, the Bureau feels that he should be maintained on the Security Index at this time.

Therefore, the results of the interview with subject should be submitted to the Bureau in report form. However, in view of the investigation being conducted in the Phoenix Office to verify his residence in that area, you may withhold the preparation of report until his location is verified. If residence is verified by Phoenix the results of the interview may be incorporated in a summary report at the time you submit Form FD-128.

On Yellow: Subject on the SI. Veteran of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Communist Party member 1943 to 1950 and allegedly made revolutionary statements in 1950 at which time he was active in the factionalist sabotage group.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: JUNE 16, 1953

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-39823)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference report SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN dated July 5, 1951 at Los Angeles; Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, 12/4/51; and Los Angeles Airtel dated 2/9/53, entitled "JOSEPH WOODROW WEINBERG, IS-C".

The subject is presently traveling in Arizona in his capacity as a self-employed television salesman and resides at 2004 Berkeley Avenue, Los Angeles, when not traveling.

On February 9, 1953 subject was interviewed by SAs BERYL M. GOODENOW and HAROLD F. DODGE at 2004 Berkeley Avenue, Los Angeles, in connection with the then pending trial of JOSEPH WOODROW WEINBERG.

During the course of this interview DUREM stated that he joined the Young Communist League in Berkeley, California, in about 1933, and that he was the head of this group at the University of California in Berkeley between 1935 and 1937. DUREM advised that in January or February 1937, he left from New York on the SS Osonia and proceeded to Spain, where he fought for the Spanish Loyalists until his return to the United States in January 1939.

DUREM continued that he was a member of the Communist Party from 1933 to 1945, at which time he was expelled because of basic differences in beliefs concerning policies of the Communist Party. He stated that at the present time he attends some social functions where Communism is debated, but that he is not a member of the Communist Party, adding that there are things in life to be enjoyed personally and which have assumed more significance in his life than Communism.

Although DUREM was very cooperative to the extent of furnishing information concerning his own activities in connection with the Communist Party, including the fact that he was a subscriber to the Daily People's World (West Coast Communist newspaper) for many years, he said that he would not "give information that would put his friends away".

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[redacted] who in 1951 had frequent contact through their business with individuals who have been identified as members of a group composed of veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, expelled Communist Party members, and Communist Party members who had dropped membership of their own volition and whose alleged expressed purpose was sabotage against the United States in the event of war with Russia, consistently reported during the last six months of 1951 that RAMEN DUREM's activities were divorced from the activities of the above-described group, of which he appeared to be the leader during 1949 and 1950. These informants advised that DUREM's associates and activities reflect no apparent intention of organizing such a group as described above, and that he has personally evidenced strong indifference toward international affairs as well as to all Communist line activities.

[redacted] further advised on June 10, 1953, that to their knowledge the subject has had no connection with the above-described group since 1950 and has not been affiliated with the Communist Party since the mid-1940's, when he was expelled.

[redacted], who are generally familiar with Communist Party activities in Los Angeles County, have furnished no information concerning the subject's activities since 1950.

In view of the above information concerning the subject, it is being recommended that the Security Index card on the subject be cancelled at this time.

By letter dated April 28, 1953, the Phoenix Office was requested to furnish Los Angeles with any information in their possession concerning the activities of the subject and two of his companions in the Phoenix area at the present time.

Upon Bureau approval for subject's removal from the Security Index of the Los Angeles office, Phoenix will be advised by letter to discontinue efforts to ascertain information concerning DUREM in their area.

FD-128
(10-19-49)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 12/21/53

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-39823)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
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Card U.T.D. 1-12-54 etc

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The San Francisco Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The San Francisco Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 2558 Clay Street
San Francisco, California

Business Address: Unemployed
(Television repairman)

Check the following applicable statements:

X This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
X This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The San Francisco Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
X This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
X This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
___ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
___ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
X A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin Div. with its copies of this letter:

X Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)

Report of SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN dated 7/5/51 at Los Angeles.

Summary report being prepared.

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SUGGESTED BUREAU INDEXING

☑ No additional indexing required. Derogatory information regarding individuals listed herein other than subject previously reported or is currently being submitted by this office in individual reports relating to these persons.

☐ Above applies, with the exception of those names checked in blue ink on right-hand margin, original pages.

☐ New information. Normal indexing suggested.

(Initials of field dictating or reviewing Agent.)

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Form No. 3 FD-202

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO

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LOS ANGELES	1/22/54	10/5,26,29; 11/4,10,13,27; 12/7,11,21,29, 30/53;1/4-8, 11-13/54	GEORGE D. WATT eim

TITLE CHANGED:

RAMEN DUREM, was. Ramon Durem, Raymon Durem

CHARACTER OF CASE

SECURITY MATTER - C

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject registered to vote as Communist in Alameda County, California 1936, and in 1939 and 1940 was head of Workers Alliance, Stockton, California. DUREM transferred to Los Angeles County Communist Party 1943 from New Mexico; was Executive Secretary of a Los Angeles County Communist Party club September, 1943; was member Executive Committee, Long Beach Club, Los Angeles County Communist Political Association 1945, and member Los Angeles County Communist Party 1946; attended Convention of Communist Political Association in Los Angeles July, 1945; and expelled from Los Angeles County Communist Party May, 1946. Subject served with Abraham Lincoln Brigade during Spanish Civil War 1937 and 1938; and between 1949 and 1951 was recognized as leader of group in Los Angeles composed of expelled Communist Party members and veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Informant reports ultimate purpose of this group was to sabotage United States in event of war with Soviet Union. Subject interviewed by Bureau Agents 2/9/53, at which time he admitted membership in Young Communist League 1933 through 1937, and Communist Party 1933 through 1945. Subject also advised of service with Spanish Loyalist Forces during Spanish Civil War.

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BY: ...

Sol Schildman (Father-in-law)

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is being marked changed to reflect the deletion of the names RAYMOND DUREM, _____ DUREN, and _____ DUVEN, which names are erroneous spellings of the subject's true name.

All informants referred to by "T" symbols in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise indicated.

The Los Angeles County Communist Party and Los Angeles County Communist Political Association will hereinafter be referred to as the LACCP and LACCPA, respectively.

BACKGROUND

BIRTH DATA

T-1

The subject was born January 30, 1915 at Seattle, Washington.

EDUCATION

Personnel Records,
Gilfillan Brothers, Inc.
1815 West Venice Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

The subject attended the University of California at Berkeley for two and one-half years before terminating on April 1, 1937.

JACK C. HANLON,
Business Manager
Highlands University
Las Vegas, New Mexico

The subject was enrolled in the Signal Training Detachment at Highlands University in 1942 and 1943 and was later transferred to a Pre-radar School at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas.

MARITAL STATUS

T-2

The subject married REBECCA SCHULMAN at Madrid, Spain on December 5, 1938.

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T-17

In 1945 the subject's wife, REBECCA DUREM, was a member of the Long Beach Club, LACCPA, Long Beach, California.

MILITARY SERVICE

T-1

On December 10, 1929 the subject entered the United States Navy at Portland, Oregon at the age of 14 by falsely reporting his birth date as January 30, 1912. He received a medical discharge on July 24, 1931 as a Seaman Second Class at Mare Island, California.

T-3

The subject served with the Spanish Republic's International Brigade from April, 1937 to December, 1938 during the Spanish Civil War.

T-1

The subject served as a Lieutenant in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War in 1937 and 1938.

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

Records, Bureau
of Identification,
San Joaquin County,
California

The subject was arrested on May 8, 1940 for failure to testify before a Legislative Investigative Committee. He was found guilty on August 6, 1940 and sentenced to 180 days on one count and 180 days and a $500 fine on the second count.

Superior Court Records,
San Joaquin County,
Stockton, California

These records reflect that RAMEN DUREM and 17 other defendants were convicted during June, July and August, 1940 for violation of Section 87 of

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the State Penal Code, in that they failed to testify before the Yorty Committe, a State Legislative Committee investigating un-American activities within the state. The defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff and incarcerated in the San Joaquin County Jail, Stockton, California. On July 3, 1941 DUREM and all other defendants were granted commutation of sentence to time served. On December 28, 1942 Governor CULBERT L. OLSEN, of California, granted a full and unconditional pardon to all defendants.

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employment

T-4

As of November 5, 1953 the subject was unemployed but had filed application for employment with Local 202, Radio and TV Technicians Union, 450 Harrison Street, San Francisco, California.

Former Employment

T-5

The subject was employed by the California State Relief Administration, Bakersfield, California, from March through May 19, 1939.

T-1

The informant was advised by the subject that from December, 1939 to August, 1940 he resided in Stockton, California, working without pay as head of the Workers Alliance there.

The Workers Alliance has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

Personnel Records,
Gilfillan Brothers, Inc.

These records reflect the following former employments of the subject:

4/1937 to 7/1940	Unemployed.
7/1940 thru 4/1942	G. E. Metal Products Company, New York City.

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6/1942 thru 10/1942	New Mexico Public Health Department, Las Vegas, New Mexico.
10/1942 thru 8/1943	U. S. Army Signal Corps, San Antonio, Texas.
8/31/43 thru 4/20/44	Gilfillan Brothers, Inc., Los Angeles.

JACK C. HANLON
Highlands University
Las Vegas, New Mexico

From July 1, 1942 through October 7, 1942 the subject was employed as a Clerk in the New Mexico Department of Public Health, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

T-1

The subject was employed as an Electrician at the U. S. Naval Dry Docks, Terminal Island, California, between April 28, 1944 and November 21, 1944.

Personnel Records,
Hodgson-Green-Haldeman
Ship Builders,
1409 West 7th Street,
Long Beach, California

Subject was employed as a Welder by this company from December 4, 1944 through May 16, 1945.

T-6

In February, 1949 the informant was advised by the subject that he was at that time employed part time as a magazine salesman.

T-7

In May, 1950 the subject was owner of the Easy Way Distribution Company, operating this business from his residence, 932 North Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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The subject was employed as a Television Repairman by Emmert TV Service, 3012½ North Broadway, Los Angeles, in March of 1951.

T-8

In May, 1952 the subject was operating Easy Way Distribution Company from his residence and spent most of his time traveling through California.

HARRY and JULES AGRON,
Co-owners, American TV
and Air Conditioning Co.,
526 North Fourth,
Tucson, Arizona

The subject was employed by this company as a Television Salesman and Repairman for several months in the spring and summer of 1953.

RESIDENCE

Current Residence

T-12

On November 15, 1953 the subject moved from 805 Clayton Street, San Francisco, to 2558 Clay Street, Apartment 1, San Francisco, California.

Former Residences

T-5

On May 19, 1939 the subject resided at 415 Lincoln Street, Bakersfield, California. He formerly resided at 2125 Cedar, Berkeley, California, and 1136 West Oak, Stockton, California.

Personnel Records,
Gilfillan Brothers, Inc.

These records reflect former residences of the subject as follows:

1933 to 1935	Tacoma, Washington.
1935 to 1937	1800 Walnut Avenue, Berkeley, California.

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1937 to 1939	18 Matarin Moreau, Paris, France.
1939 through 1940	#8 St. Marks Place, New York City.
1940 to 1942	916 East 19th, New York City.

T-9

In 1942 and early 1943 the subject resided at 1005 Second Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, and moved to 415 Morena Street, Las Vegas, in early 1943. On September 29, 1943 the subject and his wife moved to 2172 Travers Court, San Pedro, California.

Mrs. ELLEN WOLFE
1320 South Arapahoe
Los Angeles, California

The subject resided at 1320 Arapahoe, Los Angeles, from August 30, 1943 through October 4, 1943, at which time he left a forwarding address of 938 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles.

Records, Los Angeles
County Housing Authority,
Banning Homes Project,
San Pedro, California

In May, 1944 the subject was residing at 2172 Travers Court, San Pedro, California.

Personnel Records,
Hodgson-Green-Haldeman
Ship Builders

As of November 30, 1944 the subject and his wife, REBECCA, resided at 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach.

T-10

On November 30, 1946 the subject resided at 932 Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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T-11

In May, 1950 the subject continued to reside at 932 North Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles.

T-8

The subject, in May, 1952, resided at 364 East 42nd Place, Los Angeles, California.

Department of
Motor Vehicles,
Los Angeles, California

In November, 1952 the subject's address was 631 North Oro, Stockton, California.

T-11

The subject resided at 1542 East 12th Street, Stockton, California, in January, 1953.

Mrs. ALMA MILLER
244 West Third
Tucson, Arizona

Mrs. MILLER advised that the subject resided in her home for several months, leaving the end of August, 1953.

ACTIVITY IN COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) AND COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION (CPA)

MEMBERSHIP

T-13

When registering as a voter in Oakland, California in 1936 the subject indicated a desire to affiliate with the CP in the next ensuing primary election.

T-14

RAMEN DUREM, 1326 Arapahoe, Los Angeles, transferred from Las Vegas, New Mexico to the LACCP on September 1, 1943. His CP book number was 68150.

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T-20, of unknown
reliability, a housewife

This informant made available a letter dated July 28, 1945 directed to CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ, President, Long Beach Club, CPA, by six ex-members of the 55th A.D. Executive Committee, CPA. In this letter it is reflected that RAMEN DUREM, formerly a member of the Executive Committee of the 55th A.D. Club, attended his first meeting of that club in Los Angeles on September 8, 1943 and became the club's Executive Secretary on September 22, 1943.

In December, 1943 DUREM left his residence without telling anyone where he was going and when finally located he was called before the County Membership Committee. In April, 1944 DUREM appeared before the 55th A.D. Club, Executive Committee, where he was "severely censured" and it was decided that he should not hold any office in any club for a period of at least one year. In addition this letter reflects that on May 24, 1944 DUREM paid his dues for January through May before receiving his transfer from the 55th A.D. Club.

T-15

In October, 1943 the LACCP requested Denver to 'bk' the acceptance of RAMEN DUREM, formerly of Las Vegas, New Mexico, who reported to the LACCP without a transfer. Denver replied that DUREM was ok to accept.

T-16

On January 7, 1945 RAMON DUREM, 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, California, was issued 1945 membership card #46376 in the Long Beach Club, LACCPA.

As of the spring of 1945 the subject had recruited nine new members into the LACCPA, Long Beach, California. These recruits were WILLIAM HALPIN, ALEX YOUNG, ROSELLE YOUNG, RAY HARRIS, JESSIE and ANTHONY MAZZOCCA, SEYMOUR CHARLES COHEN, FLORA and ROBERT GREENHUT.

On November 8, 1945 RAMON DUREM, 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, a Spanish vet and member of the Party for 13 years, was issued 1946 CP membership card #36737.

T-17

In March, 1945 RAMON and REBECCA DUREM, 3249 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, were members of the Long Beach Club, LACCPA, Long Beach, California.

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In May, 1945 the subject was a member of the Executive Committee of the Long Beach Club, LACCPA.

At a regular meeting of the Long Beach Club, LACCPA, held at the Masonic Temple Building, 835 Locust Avenue, Long Beach, on July 10, 1945, the subject was elected as one of 12 delegates to represent the Long Beach Club at a special CPA Convention to be held July 13 and 15, 1945 at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 West 24th Street, Los Angeles.

This informant further advised that at the above convention the subject presented a resolution prepared by the Long Beach Club. After its presentation this resolution was branded by Los Angeles County Officers as being "leftist" and containing many Trotskite statements. As a result of having presented this resolution on behalf of his club, the subject was held for trial by the Party which was to decide whether or not this action would justify his expulsion from the CP.

The informant stated that this trial was held but the subject was not expelled from the Party due to the fact the he had a large following in the Long Beach Club.

At a meeting of the Higgins Club, LACCP, held January 14, 1948, RUTH UTRECHT, Organizational Secretary of the Harbor Section, LACCP, stated that RAY DUREM and a group of people who gathered around him after his expulsion from the Party wanted to get back into the CP. UTRECHT advised that someone had recently seen DUREM, at which time he stated that he knew he had made a mistake and that the Party had also made a mistake and that he was willing to forgive and forget and wished to reaffiliate with the CP.

T-18

RAY DUREM, of Long Beach, was a scheduled speaker at a meeting of the Southern California Section of the California State Convention, CPA held July 13 and 15, 1945 at Los Angeles.

T-19

This informant made available a letter dated May 14, 1946 from the County Disciplinary Commission, LACCP to all Section Executive Committees. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Comrades, This is to inform you that RAMON DUREM, of the Long Beach Club, a Spanish veteran, has been expelled by the County Board as an unreliable and untrustworthy element, and as a carrier of enemy ideology

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within the ranks of the Party. Comradely, Disciplinary Commission."

T-21

On May 8, 1946 the subject was expelled from the LACCP by the County Control Commission.

In January, 1948 T-21 made available a leaflet published by the Los Angeles Committee for Correspondence. This leaflet, not bearing any date, stated that the Committee for Correspondence was a group of Communists who either were expelled from the CP, USA on charges of "leftism" or resigned in protest against its policies, which the committee characterized as right wing opportunists, revisionists and social democrats. This leaflet carried an unedited copy of a report made by RAMEN DUREM at the first Southern California Convention of the CPA convening to consider the DUCLOSE Letter and the resolutions of the National Committee.

It was indicated in this leaflet that this report was made the basis of a slanderous attack against DUREM by the leadership of the CPA and that when his branch voted against trying him on charges of "Trotskism", DUREM was expelled without a trial.

This leaflet further reflected that DUREM's devotion to the working class has been proven through long hours of struggle and that he has organized for the Young Communist League, in the unemployed councils, for the agricultural workers, and was wounded in Spain.

The leaflet then went on to discuss the position that the Committee for Correspondence took concerning the alleged leftist and Trotskite accusations.

The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

T-17

The subject attended meetings of the Long Beach Club, LACCPA at the Masonic Temple, 835 Locust Avenue, Long Beach, California, on the following dates: February 6, 21, 1945; March 6, 20, 1945; April 3, 13, 17, 1945; May 15, 1945; June 5, 19, 24, 1945; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 1945.

At the meeting on February 6, 1945 the subject was nominated as Club President for 1945 but he declined the nomination.

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At the meeting on February 21, 1945 the subject was elected Educational Secretary of the club.

The subject attended training classes sponsored by the Long Beach Club, LACCPA, at 1551 Elm Street, Long Beach, on June 1, 1945 and June 8, 1945.

On August 21, 1945 the subject attended a bimonthly meeting of the Long Beach Club, LACCP, held at 835 Locust Avenue, Long Beach.

The subject was in attendance at a regular meeting of the Long Beach Club, LACCP, held at 16½ Pine Avenue, Long Beach, on September 25, 1945.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

T-11

In September, 1950 a group comprised in the main of expelled CP members and veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (supra) were meeting irregularly in the Los Angeles, California area. The ultimate purpose of this group was sabotage against the United States in the event of war with the Soviet Union, prior to the Korean War. The objective of this group was the disintegration of the CP in California in an effort to return the Party to a "true revolutionary" organization of workers. Subsequent to the Korean situation, members of this group reiterated their purpose of sabotage.

The subject was recognized as the leader of this group and associated with individuals composing it from the latter part of 1949 to mid 1951. In addition meetings and social gatherings of the group were held at the subject's home, 932 North Lucile Avenue, Los Angeles, several times each month, and in the residences of various other members of the group residing in the Los Angeles area.

In early 1951, due to petty jealousies, personal dislikes, and confusion emanating from loose moral conditions under which some members conducted themselves, dissension arose and the individuals, for the most party, became disassociated. Thereafter, meetings of the group were limited, irregular, and primarily social in nature. No activities on the part of the group indicate any plans or activities which would indicate the presence of and intention to sabotage.

T-8, T-22 and T-23

These informants, all of whom have associated with individuals associating with the group noted above, advised in May, 1951 that there was

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no indication of any organizational plan or program existing among the members, nor have they observed any evidence of control over the members, nor any recent discussions concerning technical development of materials which could be used in the performance of sabotage. All of the above sources stated that the group is a loose-knit composite of individuals who are more concerned with selfish pleasures and social activities than any organized subversive interests.

REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT

T-11

In January, 1950 the subject made the following statement in regard to the group with which he associated at that time:

"We are looking for people in our organization that will do this fighting. The Party will be outlawed within three years and will have to be taken over. We are looking for men who have got plenty of guts that can sabotage the United States Government, and in the event of war, we want to try to minimize the loss of life to Russian soldiers; to sabotage would save the lives of Russian soldiers and keep the death roll to a minimum."

T-11 and T-22

During the latter part of 1950 the subject made several statements to the effect that he was still intent on sabotaging the United States, but stated that the time was not right for such action yet.

INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT

On February 9, 1953 the subject was interviewed by SA BERYL M. GOODENOW and SA HAROLD F. DODGE in connection with another investigation.

During the course of this interview DUREM stated that he joined the Young Communist League (supra) in Berkeley, California in about 1933, and that he was head of this group at the University of California at Berkeley between 1935 and 1937. DUREM advised that in January or February, 1937 he left from New York on the SS Osonia and proceeded to Spain, where he fought for the Spanish Loyalists until his return to the United States in January, 1939.

DUREM continued that he was a member of the CP from 1933 to 1945, at which time he was expelled because of basic differences in believes concerning policies of the CP. He stated that at the present time he attends

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some social functions where Communism if debated, but that he is not a member of the CP, adding that there are things in life to be enjoyed personally and which have assumed more significance in his life than Communism.

In conclusion DUREM stated that he would willingly furnish information concerning persons who had been Communists and were now public figures, but stated that he would not "give information that would put my friends away".

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from T-1, T-2, T-3, T-24, T-25 and Personnel Records of Gilfillan Brothers, Incorporated, Los Angeles:

Name:	RAMEN DUREM, was. Ramon Durem, Raymon Durem.
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	38
Born:	January 30, 1915 at Seattle, Washington.
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	138 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue, wears glasses.
Complexion:	Light
Build:	Medium
Scars and Marks:	Vaccination scar upper outside arm; gunshot wound on left knee; fracture scar on left foot. Tattoos - lower outside arm, bird, anchor, heart, ribbons, and word "Mary".
Relatives:	Wife - REBECCA SCHULMAN DUREM. Daughter - DELORES DUREM, age 15. Daughter - RACHAM PILAR DUREM, born 9/19/52, Mexico City, Mexico.
Social Security No:	546-20-2404
Navy Serial No:	393-00-82
FBI Number:	2070740
Fingerprint Classification:	0 31 W 00M 15 M 32 W OIO

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ENCLOSURES:

To San Francisco Office

One negative of photograph of subject.

One photograph and negative of handwriting specimens for subject.

One photographic copy of discharge from U. S. Navy for subject.

One photographic copy of evidence of service in U. S. Navy and pension certificate for subject.

One photographic copy of service record in International Brigade for subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

No recommendation in regard to the subject's Security Index status is being made by the Los Angeles Office, but it should be noted that by letter to Los Angeles dated July 6, 1953, the Bureau advised that in view of subject's revolutionary statements in the past and his activities with subversive groups as recently as 1950 it was felt that the subject should be retained on the Security Index.

The subject's wife, REBECCA DUREM, is a Security Index subject of the Los Angeles Office, Los Angeles file 100-28917 and Bureau file 100-368838.

By Form FD-128 dated December 21, 1953 the office of origin in this case was changed to San Francisco.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date and/or Description of Activity	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	Location
T-1 DIO, 11th Naval Dist. San Diego, Calif.	Birth data, military service, employment (1939-1940), and employment (1944).	12/1944	Agents of Los Angeles Office (written).	61-374-23
T-2 Local Board #87, 501 E. 161st St. Bronx, New York.	Marital status. FOIA(b)7 - (D)	3/26/47	JAMES C. CONNERS, of New York.	
T-3 [redacted]	Photos of ALB service record.	1/6/51	TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN	61-374-1B1-3
T-4 GEORGE PFAFF, Office Mgr., Radio & TV Technicians Union, Local 202, Sailors Bldg., 450 Harrison St., San Francisco, Calif.	11/5/53 employment.	11/1953	JAMES L. DALTON, of San Francisco (oral).	

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T-5 D. B. GALBRAITH, Investigator, Bakersfield PD, Bakersfield, Cal.	1939 employment and residences.	4/22/41	Agents of Los Angeles Office.	61-374-5
T-6 Pretext call to subject.	Employment (1949).	2/14/49	MERLE R. ADAMS (oral)	
T-7 [redacted]	5/50 employment.	5/8/50	JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. (oral)	
	3/51 employment.	3/30/51	JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. (oral)	
T-8 [redacted]	5/52 (employment and residence).	5/19/52	TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN (oral)	
	Deterioration of group of ALB vets and expelled CP members.	5/22/51	TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN (oral)	
T-9 J. HARVEY BROWN, Supt. of Mails, Las Vegas, N. M.	Residences (1942 & 1943).	1943		
T-10 Postmaster Long Beach, Calif.	Residence (11/30/46).	2/16/48		
T-11 [redacted]	Residence (May, 1950).	5/29/50	JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. (oral)	

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T-11 [redacted]	Residence (Jan. 1953).	1/19/53	TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN (oral)	
	Citation of group composed of AIB vets and expelled CP members; subject's affiliation with group 1949-1951; deterioration of group.	9/25/50 5/19, 24/51	TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN (oral)	
	Revolutionary statements by subject.	4/12/50 7/8,23/50	JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR. (oral)	
T-12 U. S. Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.	Residence (11/15/53).	11/1953	Agent of San Francisco Office.	
T-13 Registrar of Voters, Alameda County, Oakland, Calif.	Subject's 1936 registration as Communist voter.			
T-14 [redacted]	9/1/43 (photos of CP records).	9/2/43	WILLIAM H. HAWKINS and JOHN J. HORGAN	100-18849-22, p. 60
T-15 [redacted]	Oct. 1943 (CP records).	12/2/43	JOHN J. HORGAN	100-18906-1a208
T-16 [redacted]	1/7/45 (photos of CP records).	5/23/45	WILBUR S. NEWMAN, et al	100-21330-3 (7), Vol. 1, p. 9, 49, 50, 52

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T-16 [redacted]	Spring 1945 (photos of CP records).	5/23/45	WILBUR S. NEWMAN, et al	100-21330-3 (7), Vol. II, p. 23, 24, 28
	11/8/45 (photos of CP records).	6/8/46	ELWOOD D. LEARN, et al	100-13364-1a60, Vol. 1, p. 6, 20
	Spring 1945 JAFRC (photos of CP records).	5/23/45	ELWOOD D. LEARN, et al	100-21330-3 (7), Vol. 3, p. 6
T-17 [redacted]	March, 1945 (copy of membership list of Long Beach Club, CPA).	3/1945	WILBUR S. NEWMAN	100-21330-3 (1), Env. I
	1/14/48	1/16/48	AMBROSE K. LAW (oral)	
	May, 1945 (CPA).	5/1945	AMBROSE K. LAW (oral)	
	1945 (CP membership on part of wife).	3/1945	WILBUR S. NEWMAN	100-21330-3 (1), Env. I
	7/10/45 (CP).	7/14/45	WILBUR S. NEWMAN (written)	100-21330-3 (1), Env. II
	(Subject's action at CPA Convention, 1945).	7/45 & 8/1945	WILBUR S. NEWMAN (written)	100-21330-3 (1), Env. II

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T-17 [redacted]	(Action taken by CP re subject).	Fall of 1945	WILBUR S. NEWMAN (written)	100-21330-3 (1), Env. II
	2/6/45	2/1945	WILBUR S. NEWMAN (wr.)	100-21330-3 (1), Env. I
	2/21/45	2/1945	"	"
	3/6,20/45	3/1945	"	"
	4/13/45	4/1945	"	"
	4/3,17/45	4/1945	"	"
	5/15/45	5/1945	"	"
	6/5/45	6/8/45	"	100-21330-3 (1), Env. II
	6/19/45	6/29/45	"	"
	6/24/45	7/4/45	"	"
	7/3/45	7/4/45	"	"
	7/17/45	7/21/45	"	"
	7/24/45	7/28/45	"	"
	7/31/45	8/1945	"	"
	6/1/45	6/8/45	"	"
	6/8/45	6/13/45	"	"
	8/21/45	8/23/45	"	"
	9/25/45	9/1945	"	"
T-18 [redacted]	7/13&15/45 (photos of CP records).	7/19/45	FRED M. DuPUIS, et al	100-18874-1a 68a, p. 29
T-19 [redacted]	(Letter announcing subject's expulsion from CP).	5/18/46	W. NATHAN PROVINSE	61-374-1a5
T-20 Mrs. W. LANCASTER 345 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif.	Copy of letter to CHARLOTTE BENOWITZ, Prs., Long Beach Club, CPA, re subject.	10/18/45	WILBUR S. NEWMAN	61-374-1a4

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T-21 [redacted]	5/8/46 (subject expelled from LACCP).	5/9/46	JACK S. KEMPTON (oral)	
	Leaflet published by LA Committe for Correspondence.	1/1948	JACK S. KEMPTON	61-374-46
T-22 [redacted]	Deterioration of group of ALB vets and expelled CP members.	5/14/51	TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN (oral)	
	Revolutionary statements.	10/31/50 11/1/50	JOHN R. HIGGINS (oral)	
T-23 [redacted]	Deterioration of group of ALB vets & expelled CP members.	5/21/51	JOHN R. HIGGINS (oral)	
T-24 [redacted]	Birth of daughter in description.	1/4/53	Legat, Mexico	Letter from Legat, Mex. to Director dated 1/16/53 in case entitled "REBECCA DUREM; SM-C".
T-25 [redacted]	Birth of daughter in description.	1/4/53	Legat, Mexico	"

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN, 7/5/51 at Los Angeles.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 7/6/53.

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Form No. 3

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TITLE CHANGED: RAMEN DUREM, was. Ramon Durem, Raymon Durem			CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - C

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject registered to vote as Communist in Alameda County, California 1936, and in 1939 and 1940 was head of Workers Alliance, Stockton, California. DUREM transferred to Los Angeles County Communist Party 1943 from New Mexico; was Executive Secretary of a Los Angeles County Communist Party club September, 1943; was member Executive Committee, Long Beach Club, Los Angeles County Communist Political Association 1945, and member Los Angeles County Communist Party 1946; attended Convention of Communist Political Association in Los Angeles July, 1945; and expelled from Los Angeles County Communist Party May, 1946. Subject served with Abraham Lincoln Brigade during Spanish Civil War 1937 and 1938; and between 1949 and 1951 was recognized as leader of group in Los Angeles composed of expelled Communist Party members and veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Informant reports ultimate purpose of this group was to sabotage United States in event of war with Soviet Union. Subject interviewed by Bureau Agents 2/9/53, at which time he admitted membership in Young Communist League 1933 through 1937, and Communist Party 1933 through 1945. Subject also advised of service with Spanish Loyalist Forces during Spanish Civil War.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 26, 1955

FROM : SAC, San Diego (62-848)

SUBJECT: RAY DURANT
SECURITY MATTER - C

HCUA HEARINGS
SAN DIEGO

The HCUA held hearings at San Diego, California from April 19, 1954 to April 22, 1954. The results of these hearings are reported in "Investigation of Communist Activities in the State of California", Parts 1 through 10. Pertinent information concerning the above captioned person appears as follows:

Part 6, Page 4792:

On April 20, 1954, STEPHEN WEREB, Inglewood, California, testified that he had been a member of the Communist Party (CP) from October, 1943 to the latter part of 1947, as an informant for the FBI.

During his testimony, WEREB described the first meeting of the Southern Section of the California State CP held in June, 1945, at which the Duclos Letter was discussed. He told how various Communist leaders apologized for their past cooperating with BROWDER. Following a speech by BUTCH GOLDSTEIN, WEREB stated, "The next person who followed this speech was a man by the name of RAY DURANT. He was a high functionary of the party or leader of some section or some organizer of another section that I didn't know and this RAY DURANT stood there and he also bowed and scraped about cooperating with BROWDER and he said in this thing that they were organizing at the time it would be embodied in that resolution which I had reference to, in this resolution, that his demands would be embodied and that resolution would be to overthrow the Government of the United States, to have the workers revolt and establish; he also demanded the establishment of a Bolshevik regime, a dictatorship of the Bolshevik."

The meeting at which the above described activity took place was held at the Danish Hall which WEREB believed

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to be on 24th Street near Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles; therefore, a copy of this letter is being furnished the Los Angeles Office and no further action is contemplated by San Diego.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) REGISTERED DATE: 2/8/54

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was
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DUREM served with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in 1937 and 1938, during the Spanish Civil War. A Summary Report was submitted on him by Los Angeles Office under date of 1/22/54. His residence and employment status in San Francisco have been verified.

When interviewed by Agents of the Los Angeles Office on 2/9/53, he stated he had not belonged to the Communist Party since expelled in 1945. There has been no information received through San Francisco informants or other sources indicating that the subject is active in the CP or related groups at this time.

DUREM's Security Index card is being maintained current, in accordance with Bureau policy and the case file is being placed in a closed status.

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FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: 9/7/54

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
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ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN_____ NATURALIZED_____ ALIEN_____

COMMUNIST_____SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY_____INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE_____

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TAB FOR DETCOM_____ TAB FOR COMSAB_____ RACE_____ SEX_____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:
GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY_____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. 4, 138 Hermann Street, San Francisco, Calif.

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(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: 2/15/55

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____
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KEY FACILITY DATA:
GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ √Unknown

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: 3/2/55

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM
SECURITY MATTER - C
(OO-San Francisco)

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

✓Melrose Record Shop, 1256 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, Calif.

KEY FACILITY DATA:
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 2/1/55

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
SM - C
OO - San Francisco

Subject's present employment and residence are unknown. The San Francisco Office is currently investigating in order to ascertain the subject's residence and employment. Subject's former landlord at 138 Herman Street, San Francisco, California, advised on 1/20/55 that subject had moved to an unknown place.

Records of the US Post Office failed to reflect a forwarding address for subject. Investigation continuing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO	3/14/55	1/20/55 2/7/55 3/7,8,9,10/55	JAMES B. BENNETT jkd

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHANGED: RAMEN DUREM, wa Ray Durem	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Subject resides 502½ Broderick Street, San Francisco, California. Self-employed TV repairman at residence and through Melrose Record Shop 1256 Fillmore Street, San Francisco. Subject reportedly expounded Marxist theories in 1954 at San Francisco.

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AGENCY RAB
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 4-1-55
HOW FORW. 66
BY RCB

DETAILS:

The title is being marked changed to reflect the alias RAY DUREM as furnished by SF T-1, of known reliability.

I BACKGROUND

a. Employment:

DAVID ROSENBAUM, owner of the Melrose Record Shop, 1956 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, orally advised on March 7, 1955 to SA JAMES B. BENNETT that Subject was a self-employed TV repairman at his residence and also through the Melrose Record Shop.

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

b. Residence:

SF T-1, of known reliability, advised on March 8, 1955 that RAY DUREM was residing at 502½ Broderick Street, San Francisco, California. This information was further substantiated by information given by DAVID ROSENBAUM under the Employment Section.

c. Marital Status:

Records of the Birth Registration of the City of San Francisco, California, were reviewed by SA JAMES B. BENNETT on March 9, 1955 and reflects under Register Number 14701 that KENYA RAMENA DUREM born October 2, 1954 to mother DOROTHY LOUISE DAVIS, (DOROTHY LOUISE DUREM), Negro, age 24, born Arizona, and father RAYMEN DUREM, Negro, age 39, born Washington, and occupation TV technician. This report reflects that subject and wife reside at 502½ Broderick Street, San Francisco, California and that the baby was born at the San Francisco Hospital, Potrero and 22nd Street, San Francisco. There was no marriage record located by SA JAMES B. BENNETT on March 9, 1955 for the subject or DOROTHY LOUISE DAVIS from January, 1950 to March 1, 1955 at the Recorder's Office for the City and County of San Francisco.

II COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

a. Activity:

SF T-2, of unknown reliability but an individual who is respected in his community, advised the San Francisco Office on April 16, 1954 that a man known only as RAY - residing 2558 Clay Street, San Francisco, Telephone Number Fi. 6-6926, periodically visits the Negro Community at Sutter and Fillmore Streets in San Francisco and stirs up the Negro People. SF T-2 advised that RAY would start conversations with Negroes on the subject of discrimination against Negroes and then according to SF T-2 RAY would state that Socialism and Russia were the answers to discrimination. SF T-2 added that if anyone was more interested in the matter, RAY would invite them to his residence for further Marxist discussion.

It is noted that RAMEN DUREM resided at 2558 Clay Street, San Francisco during this period.

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SF 100-878
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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

ADMINISTRATIVE

FD 122 submitted correcting subject's Security Index Card.

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
SF T-1 is [redacted]	3/8/55	3/8/55	M.M. DeJEAN	This report
SF T-2 is Rev. HAMILTON TO BOSWELL Jones Methodist Church, 1975 Polk ST., San Francisco, California	4/16/54	4/16/54	E.O. RAUDSEP (Oral)	100-878-78

REFERENCE:

Report of SA GEORGE D. WATT, dated January 22, 1954 at Los Angeles.

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SAN FRANCISCO	3/14/55	1/20/55 2/7/55 3/7,8,9,10/55	JAMES B. BENNETT jkd

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHANGED: RAMEN DUREM, aa Ray Durem	SECURITY MATTER - C

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FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: March 15, 1955

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-878)

Card U.T.D. 4-1-55

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, wa.
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SFOO

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE_____ SEX_____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Self-employed TV repairman working out at residence 502½ Broderick St., San Francisco and Melrose Record Shop, 1256 Fillmore St., San Francisco, California.

KEY FACILITY DATA:
GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____ 100-18549-

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 502½ Broderick Street

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cc Nelson

SAC, Los Angeles (100-44715) April 13, 1955

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Director, FBI ~~(100-416731)~~ - 2

RAY DURANT
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re San Diego letter dated January 26, 1955, and your letter dated March 23, 1955.

Referenced letters advise that Stephen Wereb, who testified in HCUA hearings at San Diego, identified Ray Durant as a leader of some section at a Communist Party meeting in June, 1945. A check of Bureau files has failed to disclose any information identifiable with this Ray Durant.

However, this name is very similar to Ramen Durem, presently a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office. It is noted that Durem was very active in the Communist Party and recognized as somewhat of a leader in the Los Angeles area in the 1940's. Los Angeles was office of origin in the Durem case as recent as December, 1953, when his case was transferred to the San Francisco Office. Los Angeles is, therefore, instructed to furnish information regarding Ray Durant to San Francisco for their information.

The San Francisco Office should review this data and attempt to ascertain if the Ray Durant mentioned by Stephen Wereb is identical with Ramen Durem and advise the Bureau. San Francisco file on Ramen Durem is 100-878. Bureau file number in this case is 100-18549.

2cc - San Francisco (100-878)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 23, 1955

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-44715)

SUBJECT: RAY DURANT
SM-C

Re San Diego letter dated 1/26/55.

Relet indicated that STEPHEN WEREB, Inglewood, California, in HCUA hearings at San Diego, California, in April of 1954, testified that a RAY DURANT, a high functionary of the Party, a leader of some section or some organizer of another section that he did not know at a meeting of the Southern Section of the California Communist Party in June, 1945, bowed and scraped about cooperating with EARL BROWDER.

The references in the Los Angeles Office do not reflect any information about a RAY DURANT who was a Communist functionary or even a Communist Party member.

STEPHEN WEREB was recontacted by SA DONALD V. GIBBS on March 3, 1955, and WEREB was unable to elaborate on this RAY DURANT. WEREB was unable to furnish a description or any background information which would aid in the identification of the RAY DURANT mentioned in the HCUA hearings.

In view of STEPHEN WEREB's inability to furnish any identifying data on RAY DURANT and the lack of subversive references in the Los Angeles files, this case is being closed pending receipt of any additional subversive information on a RAY DURANT.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) REG. DATE: 7/15/55

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM
SM - C

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

The Security Index card on subject has been cancelled. It is, therefore, requested that the Security Flash on subject be removed from the files of the Identification Division.

Subject's FBI number is 2 070 740

Security Index card cancelled 8/11/55 and

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-416731)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

DATE: 8/25/55

Ans. 0-1 - LA. 10-10-55
By LA let to SF dated 9-14-55, it was advised that Stephen Wereb, Inglewood, Calif had identified a photograph of Ramen Durant, Bufile 100-18549) Bureau file as identical with the Ray Durant described by him before the HCUA in San Diego in April 1954. Letter reflecting this information will be submitted by 11-12-55. BJR

SUBJECT: RAY DURANT
SM - C

Re LA let 5/3/55 and 7/9/55.

Enclosed to LA is photograph of RAMEN DUREM, subject of SF file 100-878, and Bufile 100-18549. LA please exhibit photograph to STEPHEN WEREB for possible identification as the same person as the subject of this case.

From information furnished in LA letter of 5/3/55, the SF Office has been unable to identify RAY DURANT as RAMEN DUREM.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-18549)

DATE: May 17, 1955

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
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OO - SF

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SECURITY INDEX REVIEW

RE: SAC letter 55-30

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

Subject was interviewed by the FBI and admitted membership in the YCL 1933-37; Communist Party from 1933 through 1945, and having been a veteran of the Spanish Civil War.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject in 1946 was expelled from the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP). Informant stated that subject at one time held a leadership position in the CP in Long Beach, California area.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1950 and 1951 that subject in September, 1950, was recognized as a leader of a group comprised of expelled CP members and other individuals who were meeting irregularly in the Los Angeles area. Informant stated that the purpose of this group was sabotage against the United States in event of war with USSR. Informant advised in early 1951 that the group was not meeting together and for the most part was disassociated. X

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that subject be removed from the Security Index inasmuch as there has been no reported CP activity on the part of the subject since mid 1940's.

DETCOM TABBING

Subject is not tabbed for Detcom.

Subject is not being recommended for Detcom tabbing.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-416731)
(100-18549)

DATE: September 28, 1955

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878)

SUBJECT: RAY DUREM, was.
SM-C
SF-OO

RE: Bulet to LA 4/13/55.
SF let to Bureau 8/25/55
LA let to SF, 9/14/55

Referenced LA letter reflects that STEPHEN WEREB, Inglewood, California, was contacted by LA on 9/7/55 at which time WEREB positively identified photograph of RAMEN DUREM as being identical with the individual described by him before the HCUA at San Diego in April, 1954, as RAY DURANT. LA letter reflected that they have consolidated their file 100-44715 into LA 100-29823, entitled RAY DUREM, SM-C.

The Bureau is requested to consolidate their 100-416731 into 100-18549, in view of the above information.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) (~~100-416731~~)

DATE: October 12, 1955

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-39823)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: SAN FRANCISCO

ReBulet April 13, 1955, captioned RAY DURANT, Bufile 100-416731, and San Francisco letter to Director captioned RAY DURANT, August 25, 1955.

[redacted]

Information in Los Angeles file 100-44715 pertaining to statements of [redacted] concerning RAY DURANT have been consolidated into the file of RAMEN DUREM, Los Angeles 100-39823. San Francisco has been advised separately.

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62 OCT 25 1955

Date: December 31, 1956

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Mexico (100-1735)

Subject: RAMEN DUREM
SM - C

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

On September 25, 1956, confidential informants [redacted] and [redacted] furnished a written report to SA GEORGE F. MUNRO (MC file 134-10A-108) which reflected that the informants had seen FREDERICKA MARTIN (Bufile 100-392576) in Cuernavaca, Morelos, on September 23, 1956.

On this occasion MARTIN told the informants that captioned subject, the ex-husband of REBECCA DUREM, was vacationing in Cuernavaca with his new wife whom MARTIN described as a Negress.

The same report reflects that the informants also saw MAY BROOKS on September 23, 1956 (Bufile 100-414864). Mrs. BROOKS mentioned to the informants that she had also heard that DUREM was staying in Cuernavaca temporarily with his new Negro wife. Mrs. BROOKS went on to say that her husband, SAMUEL BROOKS (Bufile 100-290429) would very much like to locate DUREM inasmuch as the latter still owes BROOKS $50 which he borrowed several years ago and has made no attempt to repay.

A subsequent report furnished by the informants to SA MUNRO on November 7, 1956 (MC file 134-10A-193) reflects that the informants again saw MARTIN in Cuernavaca on November 2, 1956. On this occasion MARTIN told the informants that she had heard that DUREM was still in Mexico with his Negro wife. She stated further that DUREM owes her some money and she had been trying to find him so that she could endeavor to collect it. The informants gathered from their conversation with MARTIN that the latter dislikes the subject.

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Director, FBI
Re: RAMEN DUREM
SM - C

12/31/56

Informants have developed no information which would reflect that DUREM is presently active in Communist Party or related activities in Mexico. However, because of his previous association with the "Factionalist Sabotage Group" in Los Angeles, California, the foregoing is being set forth for the information of the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office.

Extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau for transmittal to Los Angeles for information.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 10/19/62

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (100-1735) (P)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, aka
SM - C

Remylet to Bureau 12/31/56. FOIA(b)7 - (D)

[redacted], who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised 8/15/62 that EMMY MERRILL SANTIAGO (Bufile 100-371658) recently moved from Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, to Mexico, D. F., and made contact with several members of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM).

According to these sources, the ACGM is a loose association of a predominantly social nature of present and/or past members of the Communist Party and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for Communism and the Soviet Union.

According to these sources, KURT ODENHEIM (Bufile 100-386282), a prominent figure in the ACGM, originally sponsored SANTIAGO's contacts with this group, terming her a "fallen comrade," but he and others in the group subsequently became disillusioned with her and terminated contacts.

Sensing that she was distrusted politically, SANTIAGO commenced dropping names of various people from the West Coast with Communist backgrounds, whom she claimed as friends. Among the names she used were BECKY and RAMEN DUREM. She claimed that subject now lives in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and was working doing translations into English for the Cuban Government. She said that he translates the speeches of FIDEL CASTRO for the Communist Party, U.S.A. She said that DUREM's daughters, DOLORES and VIDA, are with him.

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Informants commented that they considered it highly unlikely that subject was doing any work for the Communist Party, U.S.A., as they recalled he had been expelled from the Communist Party, U.S.A., many years ago and, so far as they knew, had continued to be persona non grata in West Coast Communist circles. FOIA(b)7 - (D)

It is noted that [redacted] traveled to Los Angeles in May of 1962 and, at that time, heard that subject had returned from Guadalajara, Mexico, to reside in California.

It is noted that Los Angeles letter of 1/15/51, captioned "Factionalist Sabotage Group (FSG)," reports information concerning subject received from ANNA MARY COPPOCK, formerly associated with the FSG. She reported subject caused dissention in this group by immoral advances toward EMMY SANTIAGO, possibly identical to Bufile 100-371658.

Communication was received from Los Angeles, under caption "ARMANDO GUZMAN GUZMAN" (Bufile 105-84903), reporting information from [redacted] on 7/9/60 that subject had divorced his wife, BECKY, and was remarried and living in Palma, Mexico. Informant saw subject participating in a peace march in Los Angeles. Subject told informant he was doing TV repair work in Mexico and was writing articles for "Chelsea" magazine. Informant reported BECKY DUREM was still living at 932 North Lucille in Los Angeles.

L E A D S FOIA(b)7 - (D)

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, Calif.

(1) Will forward to Mexico City copies of most recent photograph of subject, if readily available.

(2) Will advise if any specific current coverage of subject, aside from lead set out below, is desired.

MEXICO CITY

At Guadalajara, Mexico

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Will attempt to locate present address of the subject and determine his present activities, and specifically attempt to determine any connection between subject and the present Cuban Government.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 11/21/62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-39823) (RUC)

NGSIRH

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, aka.
SM - C

Re letter from Legat, Mexico, to Bureau dated 10/19/62.

For the information of the San Francisco and Phoenix Offices, referenced letter reflects that information had been received indicating that subject now lives in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and is doing translations into English for the Cuban government. Referenced letter also reflects, however, that in May, 1962, [redacted] received information indicating that subject was residing in California.

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Relet requests that Los Angeles forward to Mexico City copies of the most recent photograph of subject, and to advise if any specific coverage of subject was desired. Legat, Mexico, is attempting to locate subject and determine his present activities.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect that in 1955 San Francisco was Office of Origin in this matter. However, in May, 1961, the Phoenix Office advised that subject was then residing in Phoenix. From information in its possession, Los Angeles is unable to determine the Office of Origin in this case. San Francisco and Phoenix are requested to advise the Bureau and to comply with the request from Legat, Mexico, for a current photograph and coverage desired of subject.

Forwarded herewith to the Bureau for transmittal to Legat, Mexico, are three photographs of DUREM which were received from the San Francisco Office in 1955.

ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Encl. -3) (REGISTERED)
2 - Phoenix (100-4419) (REGISTERED)
2 - San Francisco (100-878) (REGISTERED)
1 - Los Angeles
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5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 12/18/62

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-878) (C)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, aka.
SM-C

OO: SAN FRANCISCO

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, dated 11/21/62.

Two copies of this letter are being designated for the Bureau for transmittal to Legat, Mexico.

For the information of Legat, Mexico, San Francisco, is origin in captioned matter, however, this case was closed on 3/12/55, when Subject was removed from the SI. DUREM was retained on the RCI until 4/28/59, at which time he was removed, due to the fact that there had been no reported CP activity on the part of the Subject since the mid 1940's. Subject was interviewed by Bureau Agents and admitted membership in the YCL 1933-37; Communist Party from 1933 through 1945; and having been a veteran of the Spanish Civil War. [redacted] advised that Subject in 1946 was expelled from the Los Angeles County CP, and that Subject at one time held a position of leadership in the CP in Long Beach, California area. [redacted] advised that in 9/50, Subject was recognized as a leader of a group comprised of expelled CP members and other individuals meeting irregularly in the Los Angeles area. Informant stated that the purpose of this group was sabotage against the United States in event of war with USSR. Informant in early 1951, advised that the group was not meeting together and for the most part was disassociated.

Referenced communication set forth that in 5/61, Subject was reportedly residing in Phoenix, Arizona, and that in 5/62, he was residing in California. The San Francisco Division was not previously aware of this information.

4 - Bureau
1 - Phoenix (100-4419) (Info)
1 - Los Angeles (100-39823) (Info)
1 - San Francisco (1 Mexico City)
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The San Francisco Division has no photographs of DUREM more current than that furnished the Bureau by Los Angeles with referenced letter.

Based on information available to the San Francisco Division at this time, Subject does not appear to meet the requirements for inclusion on the SI or RCI, however, should the Legat, Mexico, develop any pertinent information concerning Subject's exact whereabouts and activities it is requested that this data be furnished this office.

UACB this matter is being considered closed by the San Francisco Office.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 12-18-62

FROM : Legat, Mexico (100-1735) (P)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, aka.
SM - C

Remylet 10-19-62 and LA let to Bureau 11-21-62.

Investigation to locate subject at Guadalajara, Jalisco, to date has been negative. The office of origin is requested to advise as to whether the location of the subject and coverage concerning his current activities is desired. If so, the office of origin will contact sources furnishing information concerning the subject in the past for information as to his whereabouts.

It is noted that [redacted] reported on 7-9-60 that subject was living in Palma, Mexico. Mexico postal guide lists no community named Palma, although there are numerous communities listed containing the word Palma or similar spellings. Los Angeles may desire to determine from [redacted] more exact information concerning the location of this community.

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

LEAD

MEXICO CITY OFFICE

AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO

Will continue efforts to locate the subject.

6 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 2-6-63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-39823) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RAMEN DUREM, aka
SM-C
OO: Phoenix

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Re Legat, Mexico letter to the Bureau dated 12-18-62.

[redacted] was recontacted on 2-5-63 and he stated that he had not seen DUREM since December, 1961. At that time the subject was driving a station wagon bearing Arizona plates CNA 897, and that he was then residing in Meixco. DUREM also told [redacted] that he was "doing some work" for the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch." The informant doubted this information concerning the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch," noting that this is the newspaper that is controlled by the Muslim Cult of Islam, which is violently anti-white.

The above information was made available to Phoenix by Los Angeles letter to Phoenix dated 12-26-61. Phoenix is being considered office of origin inasmuch as Phoenix advised by letter dated 5-1-61 that DUREM was residing in Phoenix, Arizona. Extra copies of this letter are being furnished the Bureau for Legat, Mexico.

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2 - Phoenix (100-4419) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles
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5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 3/4/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-4419) (P)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C

OO: Phoenix

Re Los Angeles letters to Bureau dated 11/21/62 and 2/6/63.

The following investigation was conducted by IC GEORGE J. KIBSEY on 12/7/62 at Phoenix, Arizona:

Mrs. WINKLE GRADY, Assistant Supervisor, Title Section, MVD, Arizona Highway Department, Phoenix, Arizona, advised her records disclose that Arizona Title #1861702 under date 3/14/61 issued to RAMON DUREM, 9418 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, for a 1958 Plymouth Station Wagon, two-door delux Suburban, VIN LPIL3873 and bearing 1961 Arizona license CNA-897. No lien recorded. Title reflected instant vehicle previously titled California number TC 137786 under date 5/19/58.

Mrs. GRADY also advised 1962 registration discloses RAMON DUREM's address Nogales, Arizona, and was issued 1962 Tab No. 554982. Also the name RICHARD D. HARRIS, 3/14/62 GO, was typed on the 1962 registration.

The following investigation was conducted by SA W. L. DALRYMPLE, JR., at Nogales, Arizona:

On February 18, 1963, GLORIA ORTIZ, Santa Cruz County Assessor's Office advised that auto registration for subject prepared by her and that name RICHARD D. HARRIS is that of County Assessor. The date is the date on which registration prepared and initials GO are hers. Her files fail to indicate that application has been made for 1963 tab for the license. No street or box number given on license.

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On 2/18/63, W. L. BRISTOL, Postmaster, (protect), advised that his records indicate that RAY and CARMEN DUREM previously received mail at General Delivery, subsequently moving to 313 Walnut Street and then moved to 136 1st Street, all Nogales.

On 8/14/62 a change of address was furnished as 1609 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, California; no further information appearing in files.

On 2/18/63, Deputy MANUEL MOLERA, Santa Cruz County SO; Identification Officer ARMANDO DE LA OSSA, Police Department; and DOLORES VELASCO, Santa Cruz County Credit Bureau, all advised their files were negative regarding subject.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Will verify subject's residence.

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT NOGALES, ARIZONA

Will determine subject's activities while in Nogales.

Extra copies of this letter being furnished Bureau for Legat, Mexico.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 4/26/63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-39823)(P)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C
OO: Phoenix

Re PHoenix letter to Bureau 3/4/63.

By means of a pretext interview with subject's wife on 4/25/63, by Special Agent EDWARD H. MACKENZIE, it was ascertained that as of this date, subject resided at 1609 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, California. He is self employed as a television repairman. Agent used pretext that he desired to have a television set repaired.

Phoenix is requested to forward FD 128.

2-Bureau REGISTERED MAIL
1-Phoenix (100-4419) REGISTERED MAIL
1-Los Angeles
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 4/26/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-4419)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C

OO: Phoenix

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 2/6/63 and Phoenix letter to Bureau dated 3/4/63.

The following investigation was conducted by SA W. L. DALRYMPLE at Nogales, Arizona:

Mrs. LYDIA CLARK, 313 Walnut Street, advised on April 25, 1963, that she rented her house at 313 Walnut Street in late February or early March, 1962, to subject. Subject was accompanied by his "adopted" son CHARLES ANDERSON and told Mrs. CLARK that his wife from Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, would join him later. She said that subject and ANDERSON stayed only a month or a month and one half and suddenly moved without notice. B. APPROX. 1943

Mrs. CLARK said that subject had told her he was in the radio and television repair business as well as writing articles for a Mexican newspaper. She said that she was in the house one day at which time he had a shortwave radio operating and told her that he was taping speeches made by FIDEL CASTRO.

Mrs. CLARK said that subsequent to subject's moving from the house, she received a letter from him stating that he had moved suddenly because his son ANDERSON had been inducted into the U. S. Army. She could only identify ANDERSON as a white male, age 20 years.

On April 5, 1963, LINO CARRASCO, Santa Cruz County

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2 - Los Angeles (100-39823) (RM)
2 - Phoenix

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Assessor's Office, advised that the property at 136 First Street, was owned by OSCAR BRIDGES who apparently resided at that address. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact BRIDGES.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Is requested to expedite investigation to determine if subject has actually returned to California, as set out in re Phoenix let.

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT NOGALES, ARIZONA

Will continue efforts to interview OSCAR BRIDGES regarding subject.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES G[illegible]NT

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile 100-18549) DATE: 5/15/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-4419)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The LOS ANGELES Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The LOS ANGELES Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address
1609 North Fair Oaks Avenue,
Pasadena, California

Business address
~~Same as residence - self employed.~~

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ Security Index Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) (Los Angeles in possession of all pertinent serials.)
- ☐ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
 - ☐ Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
 - ☐ None available.
 - ☐ Previously furnished.

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2 - Los Angeles (100-39823) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 6/4/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-4419)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C
OO: Los Angeles

Re Phoenix letter to Bureau, 4/26/63.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GERALD C. SNELL at Nogales, Arizona:

Mr. DON FRY, 136 First Street, on 5/23/63 advised that he and his wife have been renting the residence at this address since about November, 1962 from the owners, Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR and CHRIS BRIDGES, whose present address is P. O. Box 4252, Huachucha City, Arizona and they have telephone number CL 8-4026. BRIDGES is supposed to be a civilian mechanic, employed at Ft. Huachucha.

FRY advised that he did not know of DUREM or his adopted son, CHARLES ANDERSON, and that prior to the time that he and his wife moved into this address, the house had been occupied by a Negro family, whose identity he did not know.

LEAD:

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT HUACHUCHA CITY, ARIZONA

Will interview Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR BRIDGES, P. O. Box 4252, regarding their knowledge of RAMON DUREM and his activities while residing in their house in Nogales.

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2 - Los Angeles (100-398230) (RM)
2 - Phoenix

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 6-7-63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-39823) (P)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C

Re FD-128 submitted by the Phoenix Division dated 5-15-63.

DUREM currently resides at 1609 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, California, and is self-employed from his residence as a television repairman.

A review of the file in this case discloses no information indicating subject merits inclusion on the Security Index or Reserve Index at the present time.

No further investigation is being conducted by Los Angeles and upon coverage of lead by Phoenix Division as set out in Phoenix letter to Bureau 6-4-63 case will be closed.

2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
1 - Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 8/6/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-4419)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C

OO: LA

Re Phoenix letter to Bureau dated June 4, 1963.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN M. ALBERT at Fort Huachuca, Arizona:

On June 28, 1963, OSCAR R. BRIDGES, who resides at 200 Navajo Street, Huachuca City, Arizona, was contacted at his place of employment in the Equipment Pool at Fort Huachuca and advised that he is the owner of the premises located at 136 First Street, Nogales, Arizona. He said he was acquainted with the subject who rented this house for two months during July and August, 1962. The subject worked as a TV repairman and when he had troubles setting up his business in Nogales, he left that city in August, 1962. BRIDGES said the subject paid his rent and told him that he was going to Phoenix but he advised further the subject told his next door neighbor, Mrs. PARKER, that he was going to Los Angeles.

BRIDGES said he had a few conversations with the subject and on each occasion the subject talked constantly of politics and espoused what he, BRIDGES, understood as a typical communist propaganda line. BRIDGES said the subject freely criticized the government of the United States and spoke with much fervor and approval of the Castro Government in Cuba and of the policies of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV. BRIDGES said that he visited the subject's house in Nogales while he was living there and he noted much literature which he would describe as communist literature in the form of books, magazines, and pamphlets but he could not otherwise describe or name any of this literature. He said the subject tried to interest him in the CP saying it is the one hope for Negroes, but he did not mention whether or not he himself was a member of the CP.

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2 - Los Angeles (100-39823) (RM)
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BRIDGES said when the subject came to Nogales first he was alone and after renting these premises he drove to Guadalajara, Mexico, where his wife was staying and he brought her back. He said he thereafter made another automobile trip to Guadalajara, Mexico, while he was living in Nogales. BRIDGES said he did not see or know of an adopted child named CHARLES ANDERSON as living with the subject but he recalled that they had two small children living there. He said that the subject's wife told him that she was born in McNary, Arizona, but he does not recall her name.

He said the subject appeared to be close to their next door neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. PARKER and that he believed they would have more information concerning them.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN M. ALBERT at 137 First Avenue, Nogales, Arizona, on July 26, 1963:

MR & MRS ROBERTO PARKER

Mrs. MARION PARKER was contacted and advised she knew the subject and his wife who lived next door to them about a year ago and thereafter moved to San Bernardino, California. She said the subject often talked of politics and of the struggle between capitalism and communism and in everything he talked about he took the side of the communists. She said at one time he admitted being a communist and that her husband refused to have anything further to do with him. She said, however, she became friendly with the subject's wife who did not seem to be as rabid about politics as her husband. She said that before she came to Nogales, they had resided in Guadalajara, Mexico, but she does not know where in that city they did reside. She said the subject made no secret of his communist sentiments and she observed much literature which appeared to be communist literature in the possession of the subject. She said her husband ROBERTO, who was presently seeking work throughout the Nogales area, would know more about

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the subject's activities but his present whereabouts were unknown to her and she did not know when he would return.

LEADS

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT NOGALES, ARIZONA

Will contact ROBERTO PARKER, 137 First Street, for any further information he may be able to supply concerning the subject's activities while in Nogales, Arizona.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-18549) DATE: 10/23/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-4419) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RAMON DUREM
SM - C

OO: Los Angeles

Re Phoenix letter to Bureau dated 8/6/63.

The following investigation was conducted by SA W. L. DALRYMPLE, JR. at Nogales, Arizona, on 10/22/63:

ROBERT PARKER, 137 First Street, advised that he was not well acquainted with subject during the period that he resided at 136 First Street, however, he had several conversations with him in which DUREM voiced the opinion that he preferred Communism and was particularly in favor of FIDEL CASTRO and his regime in Cuba.

DUREM also told PARKER that he had traveled in Cuba and hoped to be in a position to return there in the near future to teach.

PARKER said that DUREM was married to a negro woman and had said that they had come to Nogales from Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. PARKER noted that DUREM and a young white male, age 20 or 21, resided in the house for about a month prior to the arrival of the Negro woman.

PARKER contined that DUREM had radio and recording equipment in the house and was quite active in the early morning hours, recording CASTRO speeches and other programs emanating from Cuba. PARKER did not know if DUREM had transmitting equipment in the house.

PARKER could furnish no other information regarding subject nor could he identify further the young man residing with him.

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2 - Los Angeles (100-39823) (RM)
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Director, FBI (100-18549)

RAMON DUREM
SM-C

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

By communication dated 12/7/66 the [redacted] furnished the Bureau a list of ~~subscribers to~~ distributors of "The Crusader" published by Robert F. Williams and distributed through a Canadian source. Captioned individual was listed as a ~~subscriber~~ distributor.

For your information Robert F. Williams fled the United States in 1961 following return of an indictment by a North Carolina State Grand Jury charging him with kidnapping and the issuance of a Federal warrant charging him with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution - kidnapping and found refuge in Cuba. He remained in Cuba until the middle of 1965 when he took up residence in Peking, China. While in Cuba and since arrival in China, Williams has carried on a violently anti-white and anti-United States propaganda campaign. "The Crusader," which has been published at irregular intervals, is violently anti-United States and, in effect, advocates armed insurrection on the part of the Negro population.

[redacted]

Name and address listed by [redacted] as Ray Durem, 1609 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, California

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